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EDITORIAL.

In accordance with a time honoured custom, we heartily tender to all our readers in this, the opening number of a new volume, the compliments of the season—a happy and a prosperous new year. It is meet at these annually recurring points in the history of our journal that we should briefly review the past, believing as we do that a recalling to mind the advances we have made and the encouraging success which has attended our efforts thus far will stimulate us to renewed exertion and make us hopeful and trustful for the future. Five years ago the CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST made its first appearance as a small eight paged magazine. Our members were scarcely sanguine enough to hope for a regular monthly issue even of this size, so in the opening number its appearance was promised occasionally, as material should accumulate; but our success has been beyond our expectations, the issue of our journal has been tolerably regular up to the present time; we have gradually increased its size from eight to twenty pages; have risen from common white paper to finely finished toned paper, have embellished our pages with many beautiful wood-cuts, and have presented to our readers from time to time Entomological matter in such variety as we trust will have met the views and wishes of all those who have favored us with their patronage. The work which our late esteemed Editor has so successfully carried on we shall, with his assistance and that of our other coadjutors, endeavour to continue.

To those who have aided us by their valuable contributions to our pages we are especially grateful, and we sincerely hope for a continuance of these esteemed favors. Pressed as we are with a burden of other work, we trust our friends will continue to forward their papers without waiting for personal solicitation. We propose to continue the monthly articles on our common insects, and also to furnish such gleanings in our

summary as we think will interest the general reader, while at the same time we shall endeavour to maintain for our journal that scientific standing which gives it value in the eyes of so many of our co-laborers in the Entomological field.

We feel persuaded that our readers will not overlook the fact that this festive season is the time also for renewing their subscriptions; money is a motive power in our operations which we cannot overlook. This gentle hint will no doubt be heartily responded to, and we trust that while our members bear in mind their own liabilities in this matter, they will also try to induce as many of their friends as possible to join our ranks, so that the circulation of the ENTOMOLOGIST may be greatly increased.

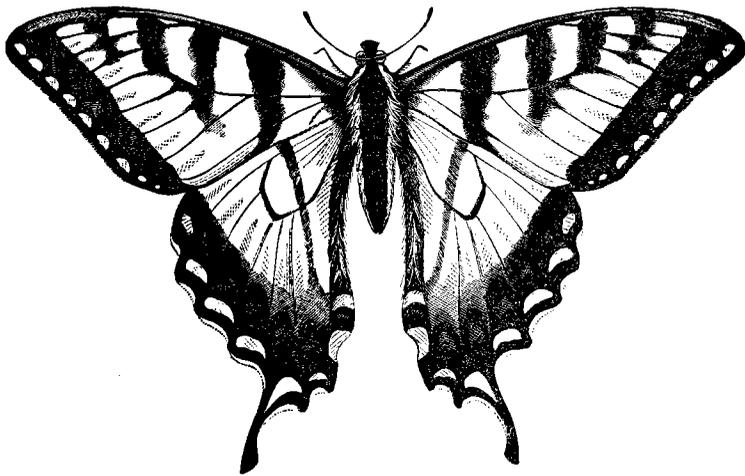
ON SOME OF OUR COMMON INSECTS.

II. THE TIGER SWALLOW TAIL—*Papilio turmus*, Linn.

BY THE EDITOR.

All our readers must have seen the large tiger swallow tail butterfly floating about in the warm days of July and August, enjoying the

Fig. 1.



sunshine and sipping the honey from flowers. It is among our largest and handsomest butterflies. In figure 1 we have an excellent represen-