

by Dr. Geo. M. Dawson, F.R.S., etc., the Deputy Minister of that Department, with a suitable acknowledgment. Dr. Robert Bell, F.R.S., etc., delivered a lecture on "Various Phases of the Forests of Canada," illustrated with beautiful lantern slides showing typical forms of the more important forest trees of Canada. The president's address, as well as those of Dr. Dawson and Dr. Bell will appear in later numbers of the Ottawa Naturalist. The following is the

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

By J. H. Putman, B.A., Science Master, Ottawa Normal School.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen :—

I desire in the first place, on behalf of Principal MacCabe who is unavoidably absent, to extend a cordial welcome to the Field Naturalists' Club and to their friends. I also desire to bear personal testimony to the many kindnesses shown the Ottawa Normal School by the Field Naturalists' Club. The President of the Club and several of its officers have given us much valuable assistance and have shown the deepest interest in our work in science. I am certain that among the happiest memories carried away from Ottawa by our students will be those of pleasant outings with your Club.

May I be permitted for a few moments to touch upon one or two aspects of the work of such an organization as this, as it presents itself to a teacher interested in Nature study. While all of us know that man's intellectual life is a growth from sensation, perhaps we are all prone to underestimate the advantages of having this early sensory training as definite and varied as possible. And yet nothing can be more certain than that, other things being equal, the man who has had his senses well-trained, will have a fuller, richer, happier and healthier intellectual life than the man whose contact with things, and especially with the things of Nature, has been limited. He who has seen but never tasted a strawberry has a poor and very vague idea of that fruit, and he who sees the rose but misses its fragrance, has at most only half the reality.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, in speaking of the little power that some have to observe, says : "Yet there are multitudes