

collection of bones of the extinct sea-cow, gathered during his explorations, was shown and added much to give those present a just conception of the size of the animal.

SOIRÉE No. 2.—On January 9th the lecturer of the evening was Mr. A. McGill, whose address was entitled "Following a Planet." The subject was introduced in a very happy manner, and skillfully planned to give the listeners a clear idea of the position and movements of the heavenly bodies. Jupiter was the planet selected and his present place in the heavens and the course he takes through the starry vault were indicated by specially prepared charts. The whole lecture was fully illustrated by lantern views prepared by Mr. McGill and shown by Mr. Babbington.

SOIRÉE No. 3.—The next lecture will be by Dr. Wyatt Johnston, of Montreal, on "The Living Matter in Drinking Water" and cannot fail to be of great value and interest to every one. The health of any community is largely dependent on the purity of its water supply, and it is therefore of great importance to know what organisms or substances produce such conditions as render water unfit for consumption.

LIBRARIAN.—It is with great regret that the Council have to announce the departure of our Librarian, Mr. W. Scott, B.A., who has gone to Toronto, where he has accepted a position in the Normal School. During his terms as Librarian Mr. Scott gave much time and attention, not only to the reception and care of exchanges, but to the distribution of the OTTAWA NATURALIST. As an ardent student of botany and a zealous collector he will be much missed at our "outings," and as a capable and forcible speaker and teacher he will also be missed at our "innings." We wish him success in his new duties and hope that he may infuse some life and activity into the Naturalists of the Queen City. During the remainder of the current Club year the duties of Librarian will be assumed by Mr. Cowley who has kindly consented at the request of the Council to undertake them.

CORRECTION.—In the programme (page 150,) the date given for Mr. Macfarlane's lecture should read Feb. 20th, (instead of 26th.) Please change this date on the programme which you have placed in a conspicuous place, so that you and your friends may not be in doubt as to the day.