

done splendid work in studying the Natural History of the district. The results of the labors of the members were contained in the printed transactions of the Club and the volumes of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. The Club had, during the past twenty-five years, given thousands of Ottawa's citizens pleasant outings in the country, where those who loved Nature had splendid opportunities for study.

Short speeches were also made by Dr. Robert Bell, the Director of the Geological Survey, and Prof. J. Macoun. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. H. Harrington and seconded by Mr. James Ballantyne.

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SOIRÉES.

At the meeting of the Club held in the Normal School January 5th, the Rev. C. Eifrig lectured on "The Differences and Correspondences between the Avi-fauna of Ottawa and the Maryland Alleghanies." The speaker endeavored to show that, although the region under discussion is six to seven hundred miles south of Ottawa, there are not only marked differences in the status of the ornithology of Ottawa and the Maryland Alleghanies, but also many and surprising correspondences. This production of suitable conditions for birds, as well as plants, of otherwise widely distant regions, is brought about by the great differences in altitude in that section. And while it is well known that among the high peaks of the Rocky Mountains all the different conditions and areas of floral and faunal life, from the tropic to the arctic, may be found close together, it seems surprising that somewhat similar conditions should exist in the much lesser altitudes of the Appalachian Mountains. The valleys in the westernmost part of Maryland, which are crossed by the Alleghanies, are from 500 to 1,000 feet above tidewater and are in the Carolinian life zone. This is where the differences between here and there come in. The Carolinian belt of the Austral or southern life zone is characterized by such birds as the cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*), tufted titmouse (*Parus bicolor*), Carolina wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*), Carolina chickadee (*Parus carolinensis*) and