

EDITORIAL.

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The present number brings to a close the third volume of the OTTAWA NATURALIST. The favourable notices which have appeared in current periodical literature have been very encouraging, and the demands for numbers from outside naturalists—which are constantly increasing—are evidences of the growing appreciation of our efforts. The experiment was tried during the past season of publishing the magazine in quarterly instead of monthly parts; but so many of our subscribers have expressed regret at this change in the method of publication, thinking that much greater interest in the work of the Club is kept up by the monthly issue of the proceedings and notices of meetings, that the editor has felt it his duty to request the Council to bring the advisability of returning to the monthly issue before the Club for consideration at the next annual meeting, which will be held in the museum of the Ottawa Literary and Scientific Society on Tuesday afternoon next, 18th March, at 1.15 p.m. There are several matters of unusual importance to come before the meeting, and the Council is particularly anxious to have a large attendance. Amongst other matters of great interest to the Club, upon which the members will be asked to express their views, is one provided for last year, to wit, the addition of three lady members to the Council. This step it is considered will materially increase the usefulness and popularity of the Club. It is most desirable that there should always be a good representative attendance at the annual meetings for many reasons; but particularly so when changes of importance are made in the management such as that which is now proposed. Owing to the high class of papers which have been read before the Club during the past winter, most of which are already in the hands of the editor, the numbers of the NATURALIST for the coming year will be of exceptional interest. The usefulness of the Club as an educational institution and as a means of providing beneficial and enjoyable recreation is generally acknowledged by all who have had their attention drawn to it. The editor begs to thank the members of the Club for the assistance and encouragement they have given in the past. There are, however, two things in which every member of the Club can render signal service to the editor