

Filaria oculi, the name applied to it, is rare in temperate climates, but is said to be common in India. The life-history of the parasite is not known, as far as I have been able to ascertain. If the operation is attempted in the early stages a cure may be effected, but in the other stages, the sight is usually destroyed.

MONDAY AFTERNOON LECTURES.

A series of four elementary lectures on Birds, Plants, Animals, Rocks and Minerals with Fossils, was delivered early in the season in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, corner of Queen and O'Connor streets, Ottawa, under the auspices of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club. These lectures were undertaken with the special object in view of reaching those interested in natural science studies, and pointing out to them the best methods of hunting, collecting and preserving specimens in the various branches of natural science studies carried on by the Club.

The attendance was most gratifying, and the results accruing from them have already been productive of practical work. The lecturers who took part in this course of Monday Afternoon Lectures were :—

Prof. John Macoun, M.A., F.L.S.

Dr. James Fletcher, F.R.S.C.

Prof. E. E. Prince, B.A., F.L.S.

Dr. H. M. Ami, F.G.S.

The Club desires to take this opportunity of tendering to the authorities of the Y. M. C. A. their sincere thanks for the generous use of the hall on the four occasions referred to.

The following is an abstract of the lectures by Dr. Fletcher and Dr. Ami.

OUR SPRING BIRDS.

On May 10th, the first of the series of elementary lectures on natural history given to the school children of the city was delivered by Dr. James Fletcher in the comfortable rooms of the