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## THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 19TH, 1901.

### MEMBERSHIP.

Thirty-one members have been added to the Club during the year and nineteen names have been struck off, leaving the present membership two hundred and sixty-five.

Dr. H. M. Ami, the president, represented the Club at the meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, held in this city in May, at which he read a summary report of the work done by the Club during the year 1900.

### SPECIAL LECTURES.

Dr. James Fletcher delivered two lectures on "Nature Study, with special reference to Birds," before the Normal School students, and Dr. Ami one on "Soils and their Origin, with special reference to those of the Ottawa Valley."

### SOIRÉES.

The programme of Winter Soirées, as printed on page 176 of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST for December, 1900, was carried out with the following exceptions: The meeting for the 22nd of January was postponed for one week on account of the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria; and the meeting for 6th March was put off till 12th March on account of the death of Dr. G. M. Dawson, a former president and an active member of the Club. In consequence of the latter postponement, the two papers that would have been read last Tuesday have been presented to-night.