

The OTTAWA NATURALIST has been promptly published by our able and zealous editor, Mr. W. H. Harrington, on whom the *onus* of the editorial work has practically entirely fallen.

One of the first duties of your Council after election was to appoint Mr. Harrington as editor, and with this appointment the position of sub-editor was assigned to each of the following gentlemen engaged in various branches of work in connection with the Club, viz :—

1. Geology Dr. H. M. Ami.
2. Mineralogy Mr. W. F. Ferrier.
3. Botany Mr. William Scott.
4. Entomology Mr. James Fletcher.
5. Conchology Mr. F. R. Latchford.
6. Ornithology Mr. A. G. Kingston.
7. Zoology Mr. F. T. Shutt.

As may be observed in reading the NATURALIST for the past year, various notes bearing on these different departments of the Club's work above mentioned have appeared from time to time. It is earnestly desired, and this Council recommends, that this branch of the Club's work be carried on efficiently in the future, inasmuch as this method not only furnishes the editor with material for the monthly periodical, but gives also to the members current and interesting notes in these different topics.

Early last year a number of members of the Council and Club received blank forms prepared by a Committee of the Royal Society of Canada on which to record phenological observations. These have been filled and handed back to the Committee of the Royal Society whence they came.

The Council and the Club generally, have been under great obligation to one of their number (during the past year) in the person of Miss A. M. Living for the gratuitous designing and drawing of the beautiful cards of announcement of the different lectures and soirees given under the auspices of our Club.

Your Council has just recently had prepared a memorandum to be presented by the Hon. E. H. Bronson before the Ontario Legislature, stating the claims of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club for aid and subsidy towards publishing the OTTAWA NATURALIST and for general educational work carried on.