

CONVERSAZIONE OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS CLUB.—JAN. 24TH, 1899.

The Annual Conversazione and Microscopical Soirée under the auspices of the O. F. N. C. was held on Tuesday, Jan. 24th, 1899, in the large Assembly Hall of the Provincial Normal School, kindly placed at the disposal of the Club by Principal MacCabe. Prof. E. E. Prince, B.A., F.L.S., President of the Club, occupied the chair. The hall was filled with a large concourse of members of the Club and friends, and the event was pronounced by all a decided success.

Among those present were: His Excellency the Earl of Minto, Patron of the Club; Capt. W. F. Lascelles, A. D. C.; Sir Henri G. Joly de Lotbinière, K. C. M. G.; Hon. Dr. Borden; Sir James Grant; Dr. G. M. Dawson, C. M. G., Director of the Geological Dept.; Colonel J. P. Macpherson; Dr. James Fletcher; Dr. I. Bradley; Prof. Macoun; Mr. F. T. Shutt; Mr. Henry Macleod, C. E.; Dr. R. W. Ells, F. R. S. C.; Mr. W. Hague Harrington, F. R. S. C.; Vice-Principal S. B. Sinclair, B. A.; Mr. Kemp; Mr. Andrew Halkett; Mr. D. B. Dowling, B. A. Sc.; Mr. W. T. Macoun; Mr. W. J. Wilson, Ph. B.; Mr. W. C. Bowles; Mr. A. G. Kingston, Principal McBratney; Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Eddy; Mr. W. Campbell, B. A.; Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Joliffe, M. A.; besides many teachers and students of the Provincial Normal and Model Schools and other leading educational institutions in the city. In a very neat address, Prof. Prince, gave a hearty welcome to the vast audience present and thanked the authorities of the Normal School for the use of the Lecture Hall, so well adapted for such an occasion.

Mr. S. B. Sinclair, Vice-Principal of the Normal School, expressed his appreciation of the valuable collection of geological specimens recently presented to the Normal School by Dr. Ami of the Club, and also of the rare collection of plants presented by Professor Macoun. He congratulated the society upon the nature and extent of its work. He considered that its most hopeful feature lay in the spirit of original research fostered by contact with the leaders in its different departments. The true scientist imparts his enthusiasm to those about him.

"What he has loved,

Others will love, and he will teach them how."

He quoted from Agassiz and others to show that such independent investigation is not only the most essential element of all natural science study worthy of the name, but that it also affords the best gymnasium for the development of vigorous personality.

Dr. Ami then announced the various exhibits of specimens displayed upon the tables in the Hall, giving brief notes of interest on each. These exhibits included:

Diagrams of Deinosaur, N. W. Territories.....	Mr. L. M. Lambe.
Rocky Mountain Plants and Butterflies ...	Dr. James Fletcher.
Squirrels of Canada.....	Prof. John Macoun.