

they began to tire of it, and soon if left to themselves drop it altogether. The Club in its special meetings of branches, soirees and excursions supplies the very thing that is needed in such a case and keeps up the interest till the work becomes a habit hard to break away from. I am quite sure with many members such a habit has been formed and it would be a difficult matter to keep them from following their favourite studies. These are some of the reasons why I think we are amply repaid for any work we do for the Club. People have of course the right to criticize our actions and ask such questions as I referred to at the beginning, and these criticisms and questions are no doubt productive of good.

If time permitted I would like to enlarge on some of the work that might be profitably taken up by the Club, but I will only say that no one need think that all the information possible has been gleaned in any one subject. Those best acquainted with the district will tell you that the opportunity of finding an abundance of new material at least in some branches, is almost as good as ever, and an exhaustive study of these offers a splendid field for our younger members.

In conclusion I wish to acknowledge the Club's indebtedness to the citizens of Ottawa for the generous support they have at all times given it.

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A new edition of Prof. John Macoun's Catalogue of Canadian Birds is now being got ready for the press by the author. This edition will be published in one volume instead of in three parts as before, and the author will incorporate in the new edition any notes on extension of range, breeding habits, etc., that may be sent him.