

has lost, the name of James Fletcher shines, and will shine, with a radiance all its own.

Mr. R. B. Whyte spoke on behalf of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club. He told of the early days in the history of the society and of the keen interest which Dr. Fletcher, who had been worthily styled its "father," always had in its welfare. When the Club was organized in 1879, about 40 gentlemen joined its ranks, largely through Dr. Fletcher's influence. No one at that time ever expected the Club to develop in the remarkable way it has done and to do the great amount of work it has since accomplished. From that year until his death, during which period the membership has increased to over 300, he was at all times the chief mainstay, so to speak, of its varied branches of work. As a field-naturalist, there was probably no one in America who was his equal. He had a deep love for boys and girls, and many well-known naturalists in Canada to-day owe their early interest in plants and animals to him. At the excursions of the Club he was always the leading centre of attraction. Everyone wanted to go with Dr. Fletcher through the woods and into the meadows and get from him some of his enthusiasm and knowledge about the forms of life which occurred everywhere.

Mr. Frank T. Shutt, Chief Chemist of the Dominion Experimental Farms, said that to those who knew James Fletcher personally no monument in stone or bronze is needed to keep his memory green. The charm of the true, kindly, cultured gentleman, which we all felt when in his company, will not readily be forgotten. But we have done well in the erection of this Fountain, a tribute to his memory—a tribute, as has been happily expressed upon the stone, of affection from his friends, that may speak to those who come after of the love and the admiration we had for him; to tell them that James Fletcher was a man who did much good in his day and generation. His work was of incalculable benefit to the farmer and fruit-grower of this country in combatting weed, fungus and injurious insect. Probably of even more value, however, was his inspiring enthusiasm, that power to awaken in others an interest in the study of animate nature. And in this connection we of Ottawa were particularly fortunate. Whether on the excursions of the Field-Naturalists' Club or on the lecture platform of the winter series of lectures, he was the teacher that all listened to with pleasure. We do honour to-day to the memory of a busy man called away in the prime of his life, in the midst of his work. So far as we know he had made no startling or brilliant discovery in the realm of pure science, but that fact—if fact it be—does not in the least detract from the honour that is rightly his. We are rather apt now-a-days to