## 1899] REPORT OF THE GEOLOGICAL BRANCH.

Crinoidea, or Sea-Lilies.—From a communication recently received from Prof. F. A. Bather, of the British Museum, he informs the writer that he has almost completed his investigations and studies of the collection of Ottawa Crinoidea and Cystoidea sent by the writer some years ago to the authorities of the British Museum. This collection formed part of the Stewart collection, of which such fine and unusually well-preserved forms were purchased by the Geological Survey department and are now placed on exhibibition in one of the Trenton cases in the Palæontological Section. Prof. Bather's notes on these Ottawa species will be looked forward to with much interest. As was pointed out some years ago by Mr. Walter R. Billings, the members of the Geological branch of the Club can do much in helping to further the interests of science and scientific research in our midst by communicating their specimens to specialists.

Pleistocene Geology.—In connection with the work of investigating the boulder-clay, marine sediments, such as the Leda clay and overlying Saxicava sands in the series of Pleistocene deposits, considerable progress has been made. Probably as an inducement to make additional collections and investigations in the marine clays of the Ottawa Valley, one of your leaders has been selected to represent this portion of Canada on the Committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science "to investigate the fauna and flora of the Pleistocene of Canada, of which Sir Wm. Dawson is Chairman."

*Bibliography.*—The progress of Geological work in Canada during 1898, as recorded by the writer,\* shows that upwards of seventy distinct reports, publications or pamphlets were published during the past year by Canadian geologists either in Canada, Great Britain or the United States.

It is earnestly hoped that during the coming season much work will be accomplished in this district.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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