

“ Oh ! may I join your club ? ” “ I’m not scientific enough to join your Club ! ” “ Can I really join your Club ? ”

Certainly you can join the Club ; any lover of Nature or student of the Natural Sciences ought to join our Club, and the sooner we see our membership roll increased, and the readers of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST also increase in their interest in its pages, the sooner will our city awaken to the fact that we are in the midst of a most charming locality, full of attractions and useful studies in all branches of natural history and geology. There is plenty of work for the Club on all sides, whether we concentrate on our special locality, Ottawa, or whether we deal with notes and observations on other parts of Canada. The work carried on by the *Royal Society of Canada* in our midst, by the *Ottawa Literary and Scientific Society*, by the *French Canadian Institute*, by the *St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Society*, by the *Scientific Society of Ottawa University*, possibly the youngest of our sister societies, has its place, and Ottawa is all the better for these organizations. We are all trying to plant thoughts. May they grow and multiply.

It is not my purpose to detain you very long this evening. I have not prepared any elaborate address such as I would have wished for, on an occasion of this kind. In its stead I have brought together a few words regarding two persons, one, a great Canadian scientist, twenty-four years gone to his rest ; the other a member of our Club, but a few months, gone, whose loss we oft-times feel, for we miss him at our excursions and his familiar face is no longer with us.

ARCHIBALD LAMPMAN.

The issue of that simple, chaste but excellent volume of poems from the pen of Archibald Lampman, recalls a duty unaccomplished by us at our last annual inaugural meeting. I refer to the too early demise of our friend and fellow member, the sweet poet of Ottawa, Archibald Lampman.

It was on the 10th day of February, 1899, that he was taken from us, the result of too severe a strain upon his delicate constitution some three years previous, followed by a severe attack of pneumonia two days prior to his death. His ardent love of Nature