

winter need be no more a time of idleness to the student of birds than the summer.

One thing more occurs to me to mention, and that is that the study of birds is as well suited to the gentler sex as to the sterner, and, being a firm advocate of co-education, I see no reason why each of us should not have for his companion in his "bird-walks" a sister, a cousin, or even a more distant relation.

And now that I have come to the end of my ramblings, I give you the parting advice "Try it for yourselves."

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REPORT OF THE GEOLOGICAL BRANCH.

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To the Council of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club:—

GENTLEMEN :

In presenting you with the annual summary report of the Geological branch of the Club's work, the leaders have much pleasure in announcing that the interest which has been manifest and increasing, from year to year, since the organization of the Club, a decade of years ago, bids fair to continue increasing, as the field of geological investigations is wide and far from being exhausted. Since early spring, (1888), and even before the sun's rays had caused the most recent formation of snow to disappear, work was begun, and collections were made by several members. Then came the excursions and sub-excursions, which were held at regular intervals during the Spring, Summer, and Autumn months. The excursions were very well attended, but the sub-excursions, with one or two conspicuous exceptions, were only fairly well attended. It is believed that more systematic work can be performed, and better results obtained, if small working parties are organized, and examine, carefully, definite areas.

Among interesting notes and specimens obtained, during the season of 1888 may be mentioned the following :

In the Post-Tertiary formations, Mr. Ami has continued taking observations, and making notes of sections, and of the fossil remains found in them. A detailed study of these formations, at the Central Experi-