

SPHINX LUSCITOSA, Cram. A fine male specimen of this rare Hawk Moth was taken by Mr. William Ellis in the Conservatory at the Experimental Farm on June 15th. It was flying by day-light and was watched for some time sipping the nectar from the flowers of some Cattleyas and other orchids. Many years ago a single specimen was taken at rest in New Edinburgh by Mr. Harrington and later Mr. F. W. Warwick of Buckingham, P. Q. took two females at Lilac flowers. An interesting record of this species is that of a specimen taken by Mr. A. W. Hanham at Winnipeg on 1st. July last. It was at rest beneath some loose bark on a fence post. It may be mentioned in case anyone should be fortunate enough to get the eggs at any future time that the food plant of the caterpillar is willow.—J. F.

PROGRAMME OF WINTER LECTURES IN OTTAWA.

Under the joint auspices of the Ottawa Literary and Scientific Society and the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club a special Soirée Committee Meeting was held in the Normal School on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 30th, 1895, when the following programme of lectures, etc., for the ensuing season of 1895-1896 was decided upon:—

1895. PROGRAMME OF LECTURES, SOIRÉES, ETC. 1896.

- NOV. 26th. *Conversazione*. On this occasion addresses will be given by Dr. MacCabe, F.R.S.C., Dr. R. W. Ellis and Mr. F. T. Shutt, M.A., F.I.C. During the evening objects of special interest will be shown under microscopes and in cases prepared for the evening by various members of both societies. Music, vocal and instrumental, will also form a part of this opening entertainment.
- DEC. 5th. 1. The value of Botany in Agriculture. By Prof. John Macoun, M.A., F.L.S.
2. A Naturalist in British Columbia. By Prof. James Fletcher, F.R.S.C., etc. Illustrated.
- DEC. 12th. A Greek Tragedy. By Prof. MacNaughton, M.A., of Queen's University, Kingston.
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- JAN. 9th. Longfellow. By the Hon. Dr. Montague, M.P.
" 23rd. Extinct Monsters. By Mr. H. M. Ami, M.A., F.G.S. Illustrated by lantern slides and views.
" 30th. Labrador. By Mr. A. P. Low, B.A.Sc. Illustrated by lime-light views.
- FEB. 6th. How to Study Botany. By Dr. T. J. W. Burgess, of Montreal. Illustrated.
" 20th. Pompeii, a Roman City of the first century. By Prof. Frank D. Adams, M.A.Sc., Ph.D., of McGill College, Montreal. Illustrated by lime-light views.
- MAR. 5th. 1. Eggs and Nests of Fishes. By Prof. E. E. Prince, B.A., F.L.S., Commissioner of Fisheries for Canada.
2. Bacteria, their functions in Nature. By Mr. F. T. Shutt, M.A., F.C.S. Both papers to be illustrated by specimens.

Lectures at 8. p.m. sharp, in the Lecture Hall of the Provincial Normal School, Cor. of Elgin and Lisgar Streets. **Admission Free.**