

pamphlets in the library. This work is now completed, and it is the intention of the Council to publish the catalogue as the funds will permit. The Council would recommend, in the meantime, that works printed or purchased should be added to the list as soon as received, in order that when the catalogue is printed it will not be necessary to make a new classification.

The revision of the by-laws has also taken practical shape during the past session, and the Council at its last meeting appointed Sir William Dawson and Messrs. Geo. Sumner and P. S. Ross, a committee for this purpose. The committee at once entered upon its work with the utmost zeal, and in February a draft of the revised by-laws was submitted to the Society, and immediately adopted and ordered to be printed. The printed copies can now be obtained by subscribers.

The Editing Committee is to be congratulated on the efficient, prompt and admirable manner in which they have issued the *RECORD*, and the thanks of the Society are due to them for their arduous labours in the face of many difficulties.

The Council petitioned the Local Government again this year for a renewal of the grant to the Society, and is not without hope that the Government will soon see its way clear to a favorable consideration of the petition, so that the Editing Committee may be enabled to do its work efficiently.

The Field Day has always been one of the most enjoyable features of the Society, and this year proved no exception. Owing to the kind invitation of Mr. Chas. Gibb, of Abbotsford, Yamaska Mountain was this time selected, and on the fourth of June last, a party, numbering 120 persons, left the city by the South-eastern Railway to enjoy the day's outing. On their arrival, Mr. Gibb, who, with his characteristic hospitality, had invited the entire party to be his guests for the day, personally received and conducted them to his residence where ample refreshments were provided and partaken of. The party then divided into three portions and started for their respective pursuits. At half-past four they all re-assembled to partake of refreshments again, after which the prizes were awarded. There were eight entries in the botanical department, which was divided into two sections, one