

It would be unfair not to mention a number of other collections which were sent in and exhibited such a degree of excellence as to be worthy of honourable mention in this competition ; they were those of Messrs. J. A. Graham, F. H. Breckenridge and Elmer Bolton ; and those of the Misses L. Mabel Graham, M. VanAlstyne, and M. M. Mackenzie. Also those of Miss Reilly, Messrs Byrnes, M. E. Watson, F. Shannon, J. W. Gibson, C. Ramsay, C. McLennan. F. C. Thompson.

The thanks of the Committee of Council are due Mr. J. H. Putman, Science Master, for his valuable assistance in the matter of the preliminary examination and arrangement of the collections to be judged.

As stated above these collections showed plainly that great care had been taken by the students in working up the collections many of which were so nearly equal in excellence that a scale of marks had to be prepared and the individual specimens in the different collections compared before the prizes could be awarded.

The Committee beg to thank Dr. Ross and to congratulate him on the success of his effort as shown by the very evident interest he has called forth in the study of Botany, as well as the Science Master of the Normal School on the enthusiasm he has instilled into his students.

BOOK NOTICES.

REVISION OF AMERICAN VOLES OF THE GENUS *MICROTUS*. North American Fauna, No. 17. By Vernon Bailey. Washington, D.C., U.S.

Mr. Vernon Bailey, Chief Field-Naturalist of the Division of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, has just published under the above title a complete synopsis of the interesting genus *Microtus*, which he has prepared under the direction of Dr. C. Hart Merriam, and which work includes the species from British North America as well as those of the United States.

The American Voles or Meadow Mice burrow in the ground and from their burrows make little smooth trails to their feeding grounds. Their bulky nests of grass and soft plant fibres are found either underground or on the surface of the ground under