

him, and to them, as well as to all who knew him, the news of his death comes with special sadness."

Latterly Dr. Williams devoted special attention to the petrography of the rocks from the volcanic regions of America. He has contributed to science a large number of useful papers on various topics, a list of which will shortly be published in the *American Geologist*. With a number of our Canadian geologists Dr. Williams was intimately associated, not only by the nature of his studies, but also by his geniality and uniform kindliness. A great gloom is certainly cast by his death over the prospective meeting of the Geological Society of America at Baltimore, as his absence will be more than strongly felt. H. M. A.

4. NEPHELINE SYENITE IN ONTARIO. In the *American Journal of Science* 3, Vol. XLVIII, pp. 10-16, July, 1894, Dr. Adams, Logan Professor of Geology and Palæontology at McGill University, contributes an article entitled "On the occurrence of a large area of Nepheline Syenite, in the Township of Dungannon, Ontario." The region in question is there described as one in the midst of Laurentian rocks, and it is stated that this is the first discovery of Nepheline Syenite in the Laurentian System of Canada. This adds another to the list of the few localities in the world where Nepheline Syenite occurs. The Mount Royal outcrops of this interesting Rock of probable Devonian age, are well known and need not be referred to here.

The fact that this rock penetrates and cuts newer but palæozoic strata at Montreal and elsewhere, would lead us to look for outcrops of similar age, (right in the heart of the areas coloured Laurentian on our geological maps.

It is evident, however, that if the Nepheline Syenites of Mount Royal, Montreal, Quebec, are intruded through Cambro-Silurian Strata—they must also cut underlying Laurentian or Archæan rocks, and similar syenites ought to be looked for in Laurentian areas not overlain by palæozoic rocks. H. M. AMI.

WINTER SOIREEES.

The soirée committee is now preparing the programme for the winter meetings. Any members who wish to submit papers or short notes, will oblige by sending in their titles as soon as possible.