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The Council submits the following account of the Club's work during the year 1897-98 :—

The number of members now on the roll is approximately 225. Twelve meetings of the Council were held during the year. At the first of these, according to custom, leaders in the several branches, viz., Geology, Botany, Entomology, Ornithology, Conchology and Zoology, were appointed, besides an Editor and Associate Editors of "The Ottawa Naturalist."

At the invitation of the Royal Society of Canada to send a Delegate, our President, Professor Prince, was chosen to represent us. Owing to his absence during the Royal Society's deliberations at Halifax, Dr. Ami presented the annual account of the work of the Club, which will be found in the Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada.

Three general excursions were held during the summer. The first to Chelsea on 22nd May, 1897, as reported in the June number of "The Ottawa Naturalist." The second was to the Pickanock on 19th June, and reported in the July number of "The Ottawa Naturalist." The third was to Chelsea on 2nd October, and is reported in "The Ottawa Naturalist" for September.

"The Ottawa Naturalist," the official organ of the Club, has been under the Editorship of Dr. H. M. Ami, with a staff of Associate Editors. During the year, in addition to the Reports of Branches and a record of the Proceedings of the Club, many valuable papers have appeared of a biological and varied scientific nature. Among these the following may be mentioned :

"Post pliocene deposits of the Ottawa Valley," by Dr. H. M. Ami.