

odour, range and time of bloom. A brief technical description of the plant is followed by general descriptive notes, which cannot fail to interest every lover of flowers. The special feature of the book, however, is the beautiful coloured plants, which make it the most attractive book of its kind published at a small price. Mrs. Rowan, by whom the drawings were made, is apparently more of an artist than a botanist and while all the illustrations are artistically drawn and beautifully coloured all are not equally true to nature; nor are the drawings in black-and-white always as accurate as one could wish. It is perhaps too much to expect perfection in a book of this kind and its merits far outweigh its inaccuracies. As it will be used principally by those who will be satisfied to learn the English names of the plants they see the adoption of the nomenclature and arrangement of Britton and Brown's *Flora* detracts little from the work, though for a popular book the names and arrangement of Gray's *Manual* would have been preferable, if for no other reason than that they are more familiar.

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AFTERNOON LECTURES.

During April and May a course of popular lectures on scientific subjects was delivered in the Assembly Room of the Normal School by members of the Club. The attendance at all these lectures was large, an evidence that there is no lack of interest in Ottawa in subjects of this kind.

1. APRIL, 10th—"POINTS OF INTEREST IN THE GEOLOGY OF OTTAWA" by Dr. H. M. Ami.—In dealing with his subject Dr. Ami referred to the various geological formations to be found in this district and pointed out the various places where each formation could be studied to advantage—what were the mineral characters of each, the nature, origin, and mode of formation or deposition of each series together with the various fossil organic remains or extinct types of animal life which were to be found in great profusion in many of the sedimentary strata of Ottawa. The speaker