

twenty-seventh of May. This will be the first time the Royal Society has held its meetings outside of Ottawa, and a large number of men of science are expected from all parts of Canada and the United States. It would have been a source of pleasure and profit if some of the savants of England and France who were invited, could have met with the Royal Society on this occasion, but, we regret to say, the time between the invitations and the meeting was too short to permit of their making suitable arrangements to be present. The several committees which have been appointed to receive the Royal Society and the Governor General, who is to be present on this occasion, will, we are sure do everything in their power to make the meeting one of the most successful ever held by the Society, and we hope it may lead them to select other cities in the Dominion for future meetings.

The Somerville Lectures were unusually interesting this year, and the attendance large. They were six in number, and delivered in the following order:—

Thursday, March 12th—"A Popular talk about Birds." By J. M. Lemoine, Esq., F.R.S.C., Quebec.

Thursday, March 19th—"Ants—A Home Study." By Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, M.A., D.C.L.

Thursday, March 26th—"The Squid and its Relations." By Sir J. Wm. Dawson, C.M.G., F.R.S.

Thursday, April 2nd—"Coral Animals." By F. D. Adams, M.A.Sc.

Thursday, April 9th—"Domestic Pets." By Professor D. McEachran, D.V.S.

Thursday, April 16th—"Domestic Fowls." By Dr. T. Wesley Mills.

(Then follows an account of the Society's Field Day at Lachute, a report on which will be found on page 199 *et seq.* of this volume.)

The thanks of the Society have been tendered to the distinguished gentlemen who gave their valuable time for the advancement of its interests. The next Field Day will be held at Calumet on Saturday May the 30th, leaving Windsor St. depot at 9.10 a.m. by special train. It is expected