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OUR MEMBERSHIP.

Another milestone has been passed in the history of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club. Since the Club was organized in 1879, the membership has grown from 94 to 320. The Club is unique in many ways. The work it accomplishes through its excursions in the field, lectures and branch meetings during the winter, and the publishing regularly of *THE OTTAWA NATURALIST* each month, is truly remarkable, and indicates the varied interests and wide scope of its activities. This work has proved and is proving itself most helpful and inspiring to its members.

There is probably no other natural history society in America which does more work than the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club. There is, however, still much to do. Instead of having a membership of 320, we should at least have double this number interested in our work in the city of Ottawa alone. The new Council of the Club is a particularly strong one and every member will do his or her utmost to make the year a success. The members themselves, it is hoped, will assist the Council in making known more widely the workings and nature of the Club.

A larger membership means better returns in every way. Particularly would it mean a better *OTTAWA NATURALIST*. In these days of high living, the cost of printing has gone up in company with almost everything else, and it is really beginning to be quite a serious matter to keep up the size of the *NATURALIST* with the present revenue. If additional funds were available more illustrations could be used and of course many more articles.

It is to be hoped that the year of 1910-1911 will be a record one. The work of the society should appeal to almost everyone, and if our present members would only induce their friends to join, the Council would be much encouraged and the Club very much strengthened.