

EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE OTTAWA NATURALIST is issued by the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club in continuation of its Transactions already published ; the second volume of which was completed by the number for 1885-1886. For eight years the Club has earnestly carried on the work for which it was organized—"The study of the Natural History of this locality." Nor has it confined itself to this rich and extensive field. It has gradually extended its influence, and, by excursions, classes and lectures, has sought to foster a love for Natural History, and a desire in all its members to investigate the marvellous realms of nature.

After careful consideration of suggested changes in the method of carrying on the Club's work, it has been decided that its value, not only to members but to scientific observers in other places, will be greatly increased by the issue of a portion of its Transactions each month. This will ensure an earlier publication of the papers prepared for its soirees, which is especially desirable when new species are described, and will keep the members more fully informed as to the progress of its work. The record of its proceedings will be made as complete as possible. To the papers and reports that have formerly appeared, will be added an account of each general meeting, soiree, class, excursion, sub-excursion, or other undertaking of the Club. This step will double the present size of our Transactions, and will necessarily entail a proportionate outlay. We must therefore have many new members. The Council will do all in its power, but the required increase in membership can only be secured by the active co-operation of every member of the Club. Especially will ladies be welcomed to our ranks, and every effort will be put forth to make the excursions and soirees pleasant as well as instructive. It is much regretted that up to the present time the lady members have, with a few exceptions, not taken an active part in the work of the Club. There are several branches of natural history, such as Botany, Entomology and Ornithology, which offer to them attractive fields for observation and experiment, and in which many ladies are doing most excellent work elsewhere.

The Club has endeavoured to impress the value of an acquaintance with the works of nature upon the teachers in our educational institu-