

had her photograph taken in it. The tree Mr. Groh writes about is certainly a curiosity well worth preserving.

J. R. ANDERSON.

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In The Popular Science Monthly, Professor John B. Smith, Sc.D., of Rutgers College, recently contributed a most interesting article entitled "Insects and Entomologists: Their Relations to the Community at Large." In the second part of the paper, which makes mention of some of the men, now all dead, who devoted their lives to a study of insects, the following paragraph will be read with interest by readers of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST:—

"Last of all in this list of those who have been influential in the development of the fight against insect pests, because his loss is one of the more recent, is Dr. James Fletcher, of Ottawa, Ontario. Who of the entomologists attending the annual meeting of the American Association does not remember his hearty and cheering presence? Who does not remember his cordial greeting, his constant good nature and the directness and convincing qualities of his contributions to our discussions and debates? As for the work that he did in Canada—none could have done it as he did. He was widely informed, not a narrow specialist, he was a student of men as much as of insects, and he commanded the confidence of his constituency. It will take two men or more to carry on the work that this one did alone."

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The Treasurer of the Club has had handed to him one dollar which came addressed in typewriting to "The Secretary, THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, Experimental Farm, Ottawa." No letter or name accompanied the above remittance. The Treasurer would therefore be much obliged if the sender would at once correspond with him.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

EDITOR, OTTAWA NATURALIST:—

The following from the Colonist, of 1st July, is a very faithful account of an occurrence which I believe to be most unusual, and which may be of interest to the readers of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. I may state that the sparrows, cock and hen, flew down, from the top of a building, at Laddie, the hen leading the attack.

"Homeward bound pedestrians on Yates Street, between