

Society? The principal reason given for this change is the following : It is said that Ottawa being the seat of the Geological Survey and Experimental Farm, we could take advantage of the labors of members of these institutions, which we cannot do to such a large extent if we limit our lectures to a record of local work.

I do not recommend the change though there is something to be said in its favor.

It seems to me that some change in the work of the Club is called for. We have pretty well accomplished our task of investigating and recording the results ; the small additions that have been made to our lists of late years show that not much now remains to be done, the average yearly addition to our plant list for the last five years is under a dozen. Our list of shells is fairly complete. We have only published one list of insects, the Coleoptera, but our Entomologists have the material for compiling lists of the other orders whenever we are ready to publish them. Our Geological lists are not quite so complete, but this work is of course done with special facilities by the Geological Survey.

Our greatest want in that line is in the Zoological branch, so far very little work has been done in that department. Next to nothing is known by our members of the common wild animals and reptiles of this locality, making it a fertile field for study and investigation, the only work that has so far been done being Mr. Lett's admirable series of papers on Ducks, Deer, the Otter, Black Bear and Puma, and Mr. Small's capital paper on "Our Ottawa Fishes." This season we are to have Mr. Ballantyne's observations on "Our Squirrels," but a great deal remains to be done. Every year our animals are becoming scarcer, and papers on the mammals or reptiles of the district would be interesting and valuable.

In the other departments though I have spoken of our work as being nearly finished it is only so as to collectors, there is still an immense field open to the Botanist and Entomologist in working out the life histories of the objects of his study, in the latter branch a good deal has been done, and our local Entomologists have done their share, but in botany there is ample scope for all our workers for many years to come.