

THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

The Fifth Annual and Winter Meeting of the Geological Society of America, as announced in the last issue of the *NATURALIST*, was held in Ottawa, Canada, beginning Wednesday, December 28th, 1892.

Through the kindness of Dr. J. G. Bourinot, C.M.G., of the Royal Society of Canada, and Clerk of the House of Commons, the ample and commodious Room of the Railway Committee of the House of Commons was placed at the disposal of the Society. There were about forty Fellows present—sixteen of whom came from various portions of the United States of America. The meeting was under the Presidency of Mr. G. K. Gilbert, Chief Geologist to the United States Geological Survey, Washington, whilst Prof. H. L. Fairchild, of the University of Rochester, was Secretary.

If we are to judge by the attendance and interest manifested at the meetings, as well as by the number and quality of the papers presented, there is no doubt that this meeting was a decided success.

A local committee composed of Fellows of the Royal Society, members of the Logan Club which comprise the scientific staff of the Geological Survey, etc., had made all necessary arrangements for the comfort and lodging of the members during the meeting. Dr. Selwyn as Chairman of the Committee, and Mr Smith as Secretary, spared no pains in giving the visiting Fellows of the Society a good reception.

The thanks of all are due to His Excellency the Governor General for the exceedingly kind and generous manner in which he devoted so much time and attention to the Society, besides furnishing the Fellows from a distance with an excellent opportunity of having a glimpse of social life at the Canadian capital by giving an "At Home" at Rideau Hall last Friday afternoon. To Dr. Ells, Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, Mr. Smith and others, much credit is also due for their exertions in making all necessary arrangements.

THE MEETINGS.

Shortly after ten o'clock on Wednesday, the 28th ult., President Gilbert took the chair and called upon His Excellency the Governor General to give the address of welcome.