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Then and Now.

A Decade of Biology at the O. A. C.

"Time rolls his ceaseless course." In 1892 the Biological Department was transferred from the portion of the main building, known to all but the Freshmen of to-day as the Library Annex, to its present quarters in the Horticultural Building. Before Midsummer, 1902, the Biological Department will be transferred to the new Biological and Physical Building which is now nearing completion.

It occurred to the writer that this would be a fitting occasion to review the progress that has been made in the Biological Department during the ten years it has been housed in its present quarters.

That progress has been made in biological instruction is readily conceded by the old students who return frequently to visit their Alma Mater. Among the many changes they note the increased number of students in the classes, and the better practical acquaintance with the rocks, plants, and animals, which the students of to-day undoubtedly possess.

It is unquestionably true that the laboratory method of instruction was the greatest single factor in the progress that has taken place in the last decade. In the eighties and before, the lecture system prevailed to the almost total absence of laboratory