

of thought and scene, and nowhere can more complete change be found than in the fairyland of nature. The man who perpetually harps upon one string will no doubt become familiar with its vibrations, but he will never be a musician, and he who, year in and year out, keeps his nose on the same grindstone, is not likely to become a man of much breadth of view.

I do not think that anyone's business will suffer seriously because he devotes an occasional hour to the study of nature, and if occasional "sermons in stones" can make him "see good in everything," he ought not to grudge the loss of a few dollars.

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on Monday the 21st. of May, Dr. B. J. Harrington in the Chair.

The following reports were read and adopted:—

#### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN:—The Council beg to submit their Report for 1890-91. Decided progress has been made by the Society during the session just closed, and great interest manifested in all its proceedings. Eleven meetings of Council have been held, and seven monthly meetings of the Society, at which valuable and instructive papers were read. Fourteen ordinary members, and two associates, have been elected during the year. The Museum has been re-arranged, and a considerable amount of money spent upon it; the Hon. Curator's report will contain all the details. The Library also has come in for a large share of attention and expenditure, and will be reported on. The building of the Society is in good order, and the hall has again been rented to the Congregation worshipping there. At the invitation of our Society, which has done much for the advancement of science and education in Montreal, the Royal Society of Canada will hold its next meeting in this city on the