

SUB-EXCURSIONS TO THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

No. 4.—December 13th, 1890, under the direction of Dr. George M. Dawson. A large party of ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the opportunity of examining the collection of Indian curiosities, under the able guidance of Dr. Dawson. As a high authority on this subject, Dr. Dawson has a world-wide reputation, and in his case, the prophet is not without honour in his own country. The afternoon in the Museum was most enjoyable, and all appreciated the courtesy and patience with which all questions were answered, and the uses of the different curious objects explained.

Nos. 5 and 6.—January 10th and 24th, 1891, under the direction of H. M. Ami. The subject treated of at both of these lectures was Palæontology. At the first of these meetings, Mr. Ami gave a brief description of the fossils in the Museum from the Laurentian to the Carboniferous systems; and at the second meeting, completed the description from the Carboniferous to the Post-Tertiary. The meeting on the 24th was very largely attended, and great interest was manifested in the subject. Mr. Ami treated his subject in an able and pleasing manner and the interest was well sustained.

THURSDAY EVENING LECTURES.

On January 15th Dr. Ellis delivered a most elaborate and careful paper on Asbestos. This will be published in full in a future number of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. A very extensive and valuable collection of specimens from Canadian and foreign mines was exhibited, as well as a great variety of manufactured articles illustrative of the uses to which this valuable mineral is applied.

MONDAY AFTERNOON LECTURES.

On January 12th, the first of this series of popular lectures was inaugurated by the excellent paper by Miss Margaret A. Mills, which is printed in this number. The report of the Zoological Branch was also read. The audiences at all the lectures have been most encouraging and the council is fully satisfied that its decision to hold the lectures in the Normal School has been justified by the great increase in the attendance.

The following meetings will be held during February:-

Mondays—2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, at 4.15 p.m., Normal School.

Thursdays—12th and 26th, 8.00 “ “

Saturdays—14th and 28th, at 2.00 p.m., Geological Museum.

Members who have not paid their subscriptions for the current year will kindly forward them to the Treasurer, without waiting to receive personal notices from him.