

by the Rev. Jas. Somerville some fifty years ago and requiring only about \$5,000.

Mr. F. T. Shutt, M. A., F.I.C., president of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club followed in a short and neat address in which he described the good work carried on by the Club in Ottawa, not losing sight of its educating influences in the community. Mr. Shutt's paper it is hoped will be published in *extenso* in a forthcoming issue of the OTTAWA NATURALIST.

Dr. Ami, was then called upon to describe the various specimens on exhibition both in the cases and under the various microscopes in the room.

The following gentlemen had charge of the microscopical part of the entertainment: Prof. Wm. Saunders, F. R. S. C., Prof. E. L. Prince, B. A., F.I.C., Mr. W. Babington, Mr. D. B. Dowling, B.A.Sc., Mr. Walter Odell, Mr. Andrew Halkett, Mr. W. J. Wilson, Ph. B., Dr. H. M. Ami, Mr. Marsh, B. A., F.C.S. Besides the microscopes, Mr. A. McGill, B. A., B. Sc. had on view and in excellent working order a fine Gerhardt spectroscope from Berlin, Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Beddoc, Miss Lamb and Mr. Miller favoured the audience with vocal and instrumental music during the evening. The musical parts were admirably rendered and appreciated by all.

The winter course is thus open for the season 1894-1895 and if the attendance at the last meeting is an earnest of what it will be at the forthcoming soirées, the success of the whole course is secured.

To the Ottawa Electric Co. and to Mr. Wm. Scott especially we are greatly indebted for so generously putting in the electric wires and lamps for microscopical work *gratis*. The display was most elaborate and satisfactory.

Announcement. Prof. Macoun and Mr. James Fletcher will take charge of the next meeting or Soirée to be held in the same hall on Thursday, 5th December, 1895. "The value of Botany in Agriculture" will be discussed by the former, and Mr. Fletcher will read a paper on the subject. "A Naturalist in British Columbia." These two papers will be copiously illustrated with specimens. A large attendance is expected.