

TO OUR OTTAWA MEMBERS.

By THE PRESIDENT.

It is much to be regretted that there was not a larger attendance of members at the Annual Meeting of the Club on the 17th ultimo. All should be interested in hearing the report of the work accomplished during the year, in learning the status of the Club, in the election of officers and in ascertaining the special features of the field work suggested for the coming season.

The Council have been much gratified at the well filled halls that greeted the lecturers during the past winter, and trust that the practical appreciation accorded the winter programme will be further shown by large attendances on our field days throughout the summer.

In order to stimulate our members towards greater activity in field work in the various branches of Natural History, which, indeed has always been the chief feature of the Club's work, the Council has decided, this year, to offer prizes for the best collections in Botany, Entomology and Geology. Details and conditions of the competitions are to be found in another column. Numerous opportunities in the general and sub-excursions (notice of which will appear in our next issue) will be afforded for this work and the Council trust that a large number will determine at the opening of the season to take advantage of them. At all times, our leaders will be found very ready to help all who are endeavouring to acquire a better and more systematic knowledge of nature, as she is manifested in the many forms of life above us, and of the earth that gives them habitation.

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