

value, the educational work which we have accomplished. From the organization of the Club its Councils have recognized the importance of this phase of our work, and the number of active naturalists now connected with it shows that we have not labored in vain. Besides the elementary lectures at excursions, to which I have already referred, an important factor in our educational efforts has been our course of afternoon classes, these originating in a Botany class, conducted by Mr. Fletcher for three winters, developed into our Monday afternoon course of elementary lectures in all the leading departments of Natural History. These lectures are intended to be simply expositions of the main facts and principles of the subjects treated of, given in such a manner as to be understood by the merest novice and to be interesting to those further advanced, as is evident from the fact that many of our leading Naturalists make a point of always being present. The Council are pleased to see that these meetings are steadily growing in popularity, though still nothing like as well attended as they ought to be, considering how great are the advantages offered to the student, and all perfectly free of charge, open to all, young or old, member or non-member of the Club. I am sure if it was generally known that such an admirable course of instruction in these subjects was open to all who chose to avail themselves of it this room would not hold our audiences.

In the same line were two courses of lessons given in Central School West with special excursions in connection with them conducted by the botanical leaders; by these and in every other way that seemed open to them the Councils have endeavored to cultivate a love for the study of Natural History, and upon the whole we have every reason to be gratified with the measure of success that has attended their efforts.

The foregoing being a brief account of what the Club has done and is doing, the question arises, what shall we do in the future, shall we go on in the same paths, endeavoring to perfect our work in the lines laid down in our rules, keeping it a strictly local club, or shall we, as some of our members, and some outsiders, have advocated, enlarge our bounds and convert our club into a general Natural History