

## PROPOSED PERMANENT MEMORIAL TO DR. FLETCHER.

The committee appointed by the Club to consider the suggestions made at the Memorial Meeting that a permanent memorial should be erected to the memory of Dr. Fletcher has prepared a letter to be issued to societies and individuals who may have been interested in his work. The letter has been approved by the Club and reads as follows:—

You have no doubt heard with regret of the death of Dr. James Fletcher, Entomologist and Botanist of the Dominion Experimental Farms, which occurred after a short illness at Montreal, Nov. 8th, 1908.

Dr. Fletcher not only did most excellent work for the country in his official capacity, but, as is well known, took a most active part in encouraging the study of Natural History in its broadest aspects throughout the Dominion.

His activities in this connection have been widely recognized and greatly appreciated by scores of students and others who have benefited by his timely assistance and warm encouragement. He was always in requisition as a lecturer by Normal Schools, Natural History and other Societies; for he had gained a wide popularity as a charming and exceedingly instructive speaker.

The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, of which Dr. Fletcher was one of the founders, have thought that his life work was of such a national character that a permanent tribute to his memory should be made. Such a memorial would not only serve to commemorate for all time the good work done by Dr. Fletcher, but would also act as a stimulus to future generations in the study of the fauna and flora of Canada.

Several suggestions have been made as to the form the memorial should take, namely:—

- (a). A fountain at the Central Experimental Farm.
- (b). A statue to be placed in the grounds of the new Natural History Museum.
- (c). A bust or portrait to be placed in that building, or at the Central Experimental Farm.
- (d). To found a bursary at some Canadian University.

Of necessity no decision can be reached until it is known, approximately at least, what amount of money can be raised.

The Council has appointed the members hereafter named to be a Committee to ascertain what response might be forthcoming to an appeal for contributions toward such a memorial.

Will you kindly state on the enclosed form the amount you are agreeable to subscribe to this fund and return it at your earliest convenience to the Secretary.

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Signed on behalf of the Committee,

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W. HAGUE HARRINGTON, *Secretary.*