

of natural gas of Canada and the United States. In fact nature seems to delight in astonishing us at intervals with the production of some new material which almost revolutionizes the existing methods of work; yet it is equally certain that, just as soon as these substances are discovered, the inventive genius of man proceeds to find out some process by which they can be utilized. It will not do, however, to conclude absolutely that, because asbestos at the present day appears to fill a want which is apparently incapable of being filled by any other known material, this condition of things will continue forever or even for any very great length of time. Scientific investigation in the various branches of manufactures and arts is progressing at so wonderful a pace that one ceases almost to be astonished at each successive and brilliant discovery. It is gratifying to know, however, that all such discoveries, whether in the domain of medicine, electricity or in any of the branches of applied science tend to the increased welfare, comfort and advancement of the human race, and to those engaged in the solution of the problems which are constantly being presented in the different fields of scientific research, the thanks of all men are due as to the world's greatest benefactors.

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### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Members are reminded that the ANNUAL MEETING will be held on the afternoon of the third Tuesday in March (17th). It will be held in the Normal School lecture room at 4.15 p.m. The importance of every one attending the annual meeting is manifest, as matters of vital interest always turn up and the Council is most anxious that every member should consider that he has a voice in directing the management of the Club.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Treasurer begs to request that all members who have not already done so will pay their subscriptions before the annual meeting.