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THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 18TH, 1902.

The Council of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club beg leave to submit the following Report of the work of the Club for the year just closing :

MEMBERSHIP.

The total membership of the Club at the present time is about 250 ordinary members and seven corresponding members.

Mr. W. J. Wilson, the Secretary, represented the Club at the meeting of the Royal Society of Canada held in this city in May last, and read a brief statement of the Club's work during the year.

SPECIAL LECTURES.

Dr. James Fletcher delivered a lecture on "Nature Study" before the Normal School students.

SOIRÉES.

The Soirée Committee deemed it advisable to depart somewhat from the usual custom in preparing the winter course of lectures, and secured prominent lecturers outside of Ottawa for three out of the seven evenings. These gentlemen were: Rev. Robert Campbell, of Montreal, who spoke on "The Ferns of Canada"; Prof. E. W. MacBride, of McGill University, Montreal, who spoke on "The Present Position of the Evolution Theory"; and Mr. W. E. Saunders, of London, Ont, who lectured on "Native Birds." The success of the whole course both in interest and attendance amply justified the Committee in making the change.