

tology in Canada. The president then referred to the necessity of erecting some suitable tablet or memorial in Ottawa to his memory, as it was here that much of his best work was done. Reference was also made to the death of Sir J. W. Dawson. Appended to the biographical sketches of E. Billings and Sir Wm. Dawson were lists of the writings of each of these two Canadian palæontologists and geologists. Sir James Grant also referred to the work done by the late E. Billings, with whom he had been associated in his geological rambles in and about Ottawa, and hoped that a suitable memorial would be erected to commemorate his life-work.

Mr. S. B. Sinclair then gave an interesting address on nature study and modern methods in scientific research.

A short intermission was then given during which the audience examined the various interesting objects on exhibition. Microscopes under the management of Messrs. Odell, Halkett, Attwood and others, were well patronized. Among the exhibits that were much appreciated was a fine collection of recent shells, shown by Mr. Thomas Whitley, also four cases of Ontario butterflies and moths from the private collection of Mr. Arthur Gibson of the Central Experimental Farm. Mr. R. B. Whyte showed an excellent photograph of *Cypripedium pubescens*. Prof. E. E. Prince exhibited the head of the great Lake Trout, and Dr. H. M. Ami showed photographs of geological phenomena about Ottawa, fossils from the Utica and pleistocene of Ottawa, and human remains from Lighthouse Island, Aylmer, collected in 1899. Messrs. S. B. Sinclair, and D. A. Campbell then gave an exhibition of lantern views showing the Minute Structure in Flowering Plants. Mr. Campbell explained each view as it was thrown on the screen, pointing out the different kinds of cells which make up the various parts of the plant. The lantern used was that recently purchased for the use of the Normal School and through the kindness of Dr. MacCabe, was placed at the disposal of the club for this and other soirées.

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The second soirée was held in the Assembly Hall of the Y. M. C. A. on December 12th. In the absence of Dr. Ami,