

was to secure from those present their opinions as to the best methods to pursue. Nature Study work will begin as soon as a child leaves the kindergarten and enters the Public School proper, and it was important that at the very beginning instruction should be on lines that would be followed as the child advanced from grade to grade. A great variety of opinions was expressed by those present, some being of the opinion that all Nature Study teaching should have a practical side, while others considered its more important function to be the training and development of the child's natural powers of observation without special attention being paid to the practical application of what was taught. There was a difference of opinion, also, as to whether Nature Study should not form part of the Natural Science Course, one or two thinking that the two should be kept quite distinct, the Nature Study work being kept as non-technical as possible; but the general feeling was that while all Nature Study work was not scientific, all Natural Science studies were really part of Nature Study as it should be taught in the schools. Lists of the best seeds of flowers, trees and shrubs to be used for illustrating the mysteries of germination; lists of shrubs and trees from which the buds most suitable for Nature Study instruction could be procured and lists of plants to be studied in the Spring and Autumn were submitted and discussed.

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COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Council was held on January 6th in the Normal School with the President, Mr. W. J. Wilson, in the chair. Members present were: Messrs. A. E. Attwood, A. H. Gallup, J. W. Baldwin, A. Gibson, E. E. Lemieux, and T. E. Clarke; Miss Q. Jackson and Miss A. L. Matthews.

The following were elected ordinary members: Messrs. Hiram Robinson, Morley E. Wilson, and J. P. Finn, B.A.

The President informed the Council that the room in the Normal School which the Club had been privileged to use as a library would no longer be available since it had been found necessary to make use of it for school purposes. A committee consisting of Dr. Jas. Fletcher, Dr. H. M. Ami and Mr. A. H. Gallup was appointed to see if a suitable room could be secured elsewhere.