

and neatly bound in cloth. It is a work which cannot be too highly recommended to the students desiring to have an accurate general knowledge of the animal kingdom, and the appearance of the next volume will be awaited with great interest. Dr. Sharp has pointed out that in Fig. 333, p. 490, *f* is called a division of the metanotum, whereas it belongs to the mesonotum. This error in writing the description of the figure will be corrected in the next volume; which will commence with the aculeate hymenoptera. — W. HAGUE HARRINGTON.

#### LECTURE COURSE.

Judging by the attendance at the lectures this winter the Councils of both societies have reason to congratulate themselves. Owing to circumstances over which the Societies had no control the lecture which was to have been delivered by the Hon. Dr. Montague, M. P. &c. was indefinitely postponed.

**Extinct Monsters.**—On the 23rd of January Dr. H. M. Ami of the Geological Survey Department gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Extinct Monsters." The material with which Dr. Ami illustrated his lecture consisted of a series of very carefully prepared lantern slides which he had obtained in Europe last summer, together with others specially prepared for himself in Ottawa from works bearing on the subject. Upwards of sixty magnificent lantern slides were thrown on the screen by means of an excellent oxy-hydrogen lantern, skilfully handled by Mr. Dunn of the Inland Revenue Department, Ottawa. These views illustrated the works of Cuvier, Sir Richard Owen, Marsh, Cope, Huxley and others.

The most interesting and best known Amphibia, Reptilia, Dinosauria, extinct birds, Mammalia (including fossil elephants and horses), the sea-cow, and a large number of the most recently discovered specimens were described and shown to a large and appreciative audience.

**Labrador.**—On the 30th. of January Mr. A. P. Low of the same department gave a most graphic and charming description of his explorations in the Labrador peninsula. The various routes traversed, the character of the country, the trees, the inhabitants, the mineral resources of that region were all presented in such a manner as to elicit profound attention and frequent applause. Mr. Low's lecture was illustrated with numerous views of that little known yet very interesting Peninsula.

A very animated discussion followed the reading of this paper in which Dr. Selwyn, Dr. Thorburn, Prof. Macoun, Dr. Sandford Fleming, Mr. Tyrrell, Dr. Wicksteed and Mr. Anthony McGill took part.

**Announcement.**—The lectures for February under the joint auspices of the Club and of the Ottawa Literary and Scientific Society will be held in the Normal School as follows.

February 6th.—Dr. T. J. W. Burgess, of the Royal Society of Canada, Montreal, will lecture on: "How to study Botany."

February 20th.—Dr. F. D. Adams of McGill University, Montreal, will illustrate and describe "Pompeii." Dr. Adams has with him a very interesting series of lantern slides to illustrate that ancient city where such elaborate excavations have been carried on in recent years.