

mimicry in the animal world were described and the underlying principles were dealt with in a skilful manner. Miss B. Gilbertson, the third speaker, told "How to Become a Field-Naturalist." Miss Gilbertson treated the question from a psychological standpoint, tracing clearly the development of the spirit that produces the field-naturalist.

The final lecture of the course, "The Weather" is to be delivered this evening by Mr. A. McNeill, one of the leaders of the Meteorological Branch.

Under the joint auspices of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club and the Ottawa Teachers' Association, an address on Forestry was given by Mr. A. Knechtel, Inspector of Dominion Forest Reserves, in the Normal School on February 26th, with Dr. J. C. Glashan, Inspector of the Ottawa Public Schools, in the chair. The large audience present listened to one of the most interesting addresses ever given before the Club. The address was illustrated with a collection of remarkably fine slides, a special lantern having been secured for the occasion.

EXCURSIONS.

In previous years it has often been found necessary to cancel an excursion completely because of rain. In order to obviate this, the Excursions Committee of the present Council announced in the April number of *The Ottawa Naturalist* that on rainy Saturdays the Club would meet in turn at the Fisheries Museum, the Seed Division, and the Geological Survey. The time of meeting for sub-excursions was changed from 3 o'clock to 2.30, and the Council is pleased to note that the change has proved acceptable to the members of the Club.

The following programme, embracing the names of a number of localities that had not been visited by the Club in recent years, was drawn up for the spring excursions:

April 25th, Rockcliffe.

May 2nd, Beechwood.

May 9th, Queen's Park, Aylmer.

May 16th, Beaver Meadow.

May 23rd, Ironsides and Wright's Island.

May 30th, Cumberland (General Excursion).

June 6th, Brennan's Wharf.

June 13th, Cache Bay, Hull.

June 20th, McKay's Lake and Outlet.

June 27th, Eastman's Springs (General Excursion).

The first excursion was cancelled because of rain, but the Club met at the Fisheries Museum where a pleasant hour was