

COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Council of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club was held on October 8th in the Normal School with the 1st Vice-President, Mr. A. E. Attwood in the chair. Members present were: Rev. Mr. Eifrig, Messrs. H. H. Pitts, A. Gibson, E. E. Lemieux, and T. E. Clarke, Miss A. L. Matthews, Miss Q. Jackson, and Miss I. Ritchie.

Mr. J. F. Power, B.A., of the Normal School staff was elected an ordinary member of the Club.

The series of fall excursions having proved so successful, it was decided to hold a sub-excursion to Britannia on October 12th, Rev. Mr. Eifrig to be in charge.

An informal discussion on the programme of soirées for the approaching winter brought out so many good suggestions that the Club may rest assured of a repetition of the success that attended the lecture programme last season.

REVIEW.

PENHALLOW, D. P., Prof. "Manual of the North American Gymnosperms." 8vo. 374 pp. Illustrated with 55 plates, &c. Ginn and Company.

In this admirable work, Prof. Penhallow, of McGill University, gives a concise account of the anatomy of the North American Gymnosperms, and a full treatment of their histological characters. The work deals with our Canadian as well as other American species, together with references to Japanese as well as Australian forms. Fossil plants referable to the Gymnosperms, which are so well-known in the extinct forests of the Coal formations of old, so far as they are being and have been studied, are included. This work is invaluable to all students of recent as well as fossil botany. There are chapters also which have a decided practical side and the economic problems involved in many instances add to the value of the work. Many interesting revelations await the reader and student who will follow the path led by Dr. Penhallow in this most valuable contribution to our knowledge of the minute structure of the Gymnosperms.

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