

so that they could be studied at all stages of their growth. Dr. Guillet has continued his phenological observations, and has also made a study of the character of the past two springs as affecting the growth of plants. The studies of Mr. D. A. Campbell in the morphology of plants have also been of much value.

The regular fortnightly meetings of the Botanical Branch held at the homes of the members have proved a great success. These meetings were inaugurated by Dr. James Fletcher, the first one being held at his house on February 5th, 1903. The object of starting them was to keep up and promote an interest in botany among the members, and give an opportunity for the reading of notes and short papers on botanical subjects, and to have a general discussion on any matter which might be brought up by the members. Two meetings were held last year and fourteen this year, making sixteen in all, with an attendance of from ten to thirteen at each meeting. Many interesting subjects were discussed and much information was given. Full reports of nearly all of the meetings have been printed in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. The following are some of the more important topics discussed. The advisability of sub-dividing the Ottawa district into four areas; What is Nature Study?; Canadian violets; Reasons for the "rosette" arrangements of leaves at the base of some plants at a certain period of their growth; Weeds and the causes that lead to their dispersion; Native plants which compare favorably in appearance and succeed as well as Exotic plants: How to know the edible and poisonous fungi; How to study ferns; Relationship between weather and plant growth—a comparative study of the last two springs; Besides these many other subjects were discussed.

The leaders of the Geological Branch report that no systematic work has been carried on during the past year in the vicinity of Ottawa. Leaders in this branch, however, attended the excursions and assisted as far as possible in explaining the Geological problems presented by the different localities visited. It was noted with pleasure that a larger number than formerly joined the Geological section on these occasions.

The members of the Entomological Branch, although few in number, have been very active during the past year. The regular