

7. MAY, 22nd.—“PLANTING AND CARE OF FOREST TREES,” by Sir Henri Joli de Lotbinière.—The seventh and last lecture of the course was very appropriately of a somewhat more practical kind than those which preceded it. The lecturer showed that the wasteful destruction of Canadian forests was in very great measure due to the fact that the forests had from the earliest times been considered an enemy by the settler and that it was only in very recent years that the farmer had begun to learn that successful cultivation of the soil depended upon an abundance of trees in his neighbourhood. By means of a fine series of specimens and photographs he showed how rapidly some of our most valuable trees grow and how they should be pruned and cared for if the best results were to be obtained. The photographs showing the effects of good and bad pruning were exceptionally fine and illustrated the methods of tree culture and preservation followed on the lecturer's own estate.

SUB-EXCURSIONS.

Owing to the lateness of the season and the inclemency of the weather on two of the days upon which sub-excursions were to be held, they were this year not quite so satisfactory as usual, as regards results, though the attendance on all fine days was exceptionally large. The snow still lay deep in the woods at the time of the first excursion to Rockcliffe, April 15th, though the rocky ridge was bare. No plants were found in flower and no insects seen. A comparison of the results of the sub-excursion held one day later in 1898 will show how late the present spring was in opening. Large and interesting collections of fossils were made at this and other sub-excursions and a comparative list of these will appear in an early number of THE NATURALIST. Such bird notes as were worthy of record have been, or will be, printed in the monthly Ornithological Notes.

APRIL 22nd.—The sub-excursion to the Beaver Meadow west of Hull at this date was hardly more successful than that held a week previous though the day was fine and the attend-