

and has been carefully edited. We are glad to learn from the report of the Council that the annual membership has steadily continued to increase from the inception of the Society in 1878, and now is 128. Several valuable papers in different branches of natural history which were read during the winter of 1883-4, have been printed, among which we find a capital and very appropriate Inaugural Address from the President, Dr. H. Beaumont Small, in which the history of the Club is briefly sketched and present events of immediate interest to the Club referred to, after which the different systems of classification in the animal kingdom are treated of. There are tables given of the different systems of Linnæus, Dawson, Cuvier and Haeckel. The President states that the system taught by Principal Dawson (of McGill College) is included as he is our leading Canadian authority, and his system is a fair example of many in vogue at the present day. This is followed by "Notes on the Flora Ottawaensis," which specially refers to introduced plants. Prof. Macoun contributes a paper upon "Edible and Poisonous Fungi." This is followed by perhaps the most valuable paper of all, "A List of Ottawa Coleoptera," by our esteemed correspondent, Mr. W. Hague Harrington. This list shows not only great care on the part of the author in preparing it, but remarkable diligence and assiduity in making the collection of which it is a record, all of which are available for reference. The list contains no less than 1,003 species, 110 of which are new to Canada; all of these were collected within a radius of 12 miles from the City of Ottawa, chiefly by Mr. Harrington himself. This list is remarkably free from errors, and unusual care has evidently been taken to have the nomenclature correct and all synonyms eliminated. Altogether this list forms an important addition to our entomological literature. Following this is a paper by Mr. J. B. Tyrrell upon Suctoria. This gentleman has by taking up the systematic study of these insects and the Acaridæ, already done important work in Canadian entomology. It is upon these tribes particularly that the student has difficulty in finding information. A paper upon Canadian Phosphates by Dr. G. M. Dawson will be read with interest by many. There are also papers on the Fossils from the vicinity of Ottawa, by Mr. Henri Ami; on the Sand Plains of the Ottawa, by Mr. E. Odburn; and the Deer of the Ottawa Valley, by Mr. W. P. Lett. These papers are followed by the reports from the leaders in the several branches of Geology, Botany, Conchology, Entomology, Ornithology and Zoology. The plan adopted in this Club of having the work divided up