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Ladies and Gentlemen :

Another year has passed since we met to inaugurate our last course of winter soirées. As a general statement of the condition of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club to-day, I have no hesitation in stating that we are in a healthy and vigorous condition. The *membership* has possibly never been higher; the finances are, I am informed by our worthy Treasurer, very encouraging; the excursions or sub-excursions or outings, held by the Club last season, have been unusually well attended; and, as far as we can see by the programme of winter soirées which the soirée committee has prepared for us, there is in store many a treat in various branches of the Club's work during the coming season. I take this as an earnest of the good work done and results obtained by the members of the Club at the outings.

EXCURSIONS AND SUB-EXCURSIONS.

These were held at regular intervals last spring and during the summer months. Beechwood, Britannia, Hemlock Lake, Beaver Meadow, Kirk's Ferry, Montebello, Cumberland, are some of the localities visited. Notices of these outings have appeared from time to time in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST.

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