

EDITORIAL

Since our last editorial appeared—in the May number of the *Naturalist*—summer has come and gone and snowstorms* and frosts give warning of the approach of winter. The collecting season, for most branches at least, is over, and we have no more pleasant Excursions, or Saturday Outings to announce. The work of the Club, however, finds no stay; it ends not with the summer, but merely changes with the seasons. All the varied treasures gathered from field and forest, from cliff and quarry, have yet to be carefully examined and prepared for the herbarium, or the cabinet, otherwise they will be as useless as the miser's gold stored in hidden recesses, and will be liable like it to be before long lost. A great store of specimens in all branches should be the result of the past season's work, facilitated as it has been by so many Excursions and Outings. Amongst these specimens must be many valuable and rare species; additions to our lists; perhaps forms new to science. These will require special and critical study, in order that they may be properly recorded for the benefit of naturalists elsewhere.

Any member having notes of interest should, if they be not intended for presentation in a special paper, forward them without delay to the Leaders of the several Branches, to enable them to prepare their Reports on the season's labours and conquests. The Soirée Committee has now nearly completed what we trust will be an attractive programme for the Winter Lectures and Classes. This will appear in full next month; and the date for the first Soirée has been fixed for the 9th December, when the Annual Address will be delivered by the President—Mr. R. B. Whyte.

A report will be found in this number of the Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of Ontario, which was held in the city for the first time since the organization of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club. The meeting lasted two days, and, as the officers and members of our Club had received a cordial invitation to attend all the sessions,

*The first of these was on Sunday, 23rd October, when snow fell for several hours, and in unusual quantity for such an early date. A week later there was another fall lasting all day.