

A PROPOSED PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION.

For some time past there has been evinced on the part of several of our members, the desire to form a photographic section in the Club. To put such on a good and firm basis, it would be necessary to obtain the names of at least twenty members who would be willing to pay a small annual fee, a fund being required to defray the expense involved in providing a dark-room, the use of certain chemicals and some preliminary instructions in the art and practice of photography.

With the exception of Ottawa, all our large Canadian cities have a camera club. The clubs have a large membership of amateur photographers and are generally in a flourishing condition. To keep up the interest an annual exhibition of work by the members is made. There is certainly a need of such an organization here, and all things considered, it would seem the better plan to form a section of the Field-Naturalist's Club for this purpose, rather than a new society.

Photography is not only an interesting and fascinating recreation, but a most instructive study, a study specially applicable to investigation in the various fields of Natural History.

We shall be pleased if those members who are wishful to form such a section of the Club will send their names to the Secretary, Dr. H. M. Ami, Geological Survey Department, Ottawa.

BOOK NOTICES.

One of the most interesting periodicals relating to scientific agriculture, which is received at this office, is the *Agricultural Gazette* of New South Wales. It is issued monthly by the Department of Agriculture of that colony; the subjects treated are always well prepared, carefully written and satisfactorily illustrated. While all departments are carefully edited, that relating to the field of botany is particularly interesting from an economic standpoint. We have before us the August number, and notice among the names of its contributors that of Dr. B. D. Halsted, Botanist and Horticulturist to the New Jersey Experiment Station. Dr. Halsted is known in Canada, but more especially in the United States as one of the foremost mycologists of the day, and an accepted authority upon cryptogamic botany.