

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.

During the past year several meetings of the Committee have been held. One of the most important matters discussed was the expense of publishing THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, and how more funds could be obtained, so as to relieve as much as possible our somewhat straitened financial circumstances. The Committee recommends that in the next volume the numbers for June and July, as well as those for August and September be combined. This will reduce the numbers published by two, and, of course, help to lessen expenses.

We desire to express our appreciation of the good work done by our Editor, Mr. Arthur Gibson, during the past year. In the face of many embarrassing difficulties he has continued to issue creditable numbers. We trust that these difficulties will soon be overcome, and that the Club may be able to publish a larger and even more creditable edition in future.

We also wish to congratulate the Club on its choice of Librarian, Mr. A. E. Attwood. Through his excellent work, assisted by Mr. A. E. Currie, at the Osgoode Street Public School, the publications of the Club have been arranged in suitable quarters and in convenient position.

The Report of the Librarian is as follows:—

The library of the Club, consisting chiefly of about 325 bound volumes, is placed on the north-west stack of the second floor of the Carnegie Library building. On the shelves of the same stack are a considerable number of unbound volumes and also magazines received in exchange for THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. Among the latter are:—

The Auk,
The Ohio Naturalist,
The Wilson Bulletin,
The Nature Study Review,
The Journal of Geography,
Le Naturaliste Canadien,
The Canadian Entomologist,
Torreya,
The Journal of the New York Entomological Society.

A little over a year ago the surplus copies of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST were transferred from the Geological Survey Museum to a room in the attic of the Osgoode Street School. All the copies of the Naturalist issued since April, 1895, that is, from Vol. IX onwards, have been arranged in a very orderly manner by Mr. A. E. Currie, who did this work voluntarily some months ago.