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During the past year a good deal of quiet, steady work has been done by the officers and members of the Club. The Council has held six meetings during the year. The following is a brief synopsis of its work. At the first the various committees were appointed, and arrangements were made for an extra lecture by Mr. C. Leden on "Our Neighbours of the North." At the second the spring outings were arranged for, a delegate was appointed to attend the meetings of the Royal Society in May, and a committee of four was appointed to consider the advisability of publishing the Constitution. This, as you have seen, was done in the October number of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. In September a meeting was held to arrange for some fall excursions. At this meeting twelve new members were elected. At the next meeting the programme of winter lectures, as proposed by the indefatigable chairman of the Lectures Committee, was received and ordered to be printed. And, at the last meeting the reports of several committees and branches were received, and a vast amount of routine work dealt with, including some valuable suggestions for the next Council, and the election of seven more members.

MEMBERSHIP.

In all 21 new members have been elected, 12 have resigned, leaving a total of 330 members now on the books. One of the corresponding members, the Rev. G. W. Taylor, has died, as reported in the September issue of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.

As no matters of a sufficiently important nature to warrant the calling together of the Committee arose during the past year no special meetings were held. The chief work of the Committee, namely, the publication of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, has proceeded very satisfactorily, thanks to the careful work of our Editor, Mr. Arthur Gibson, to whom we wish to express our indebtedness and appreciation of the regular manner in which our journal has appeared. It has contained a number of interesting and important papers which have not been confined to our local fauna and flora.