

A small collection of minerals—seventeen specimens—has been sent to each member of the Club who reported for the quarter ending June 30th. It was presumed that all who did not so report had given up the study either temporarily or permanently.

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THE ACADIAN SCIENCE CLUB.

The attention of the readers of the *SCIENTIST* is directed to the prospectus of the *Science Club*, appearing on the first page of cover. This institution was originated in the hope that by its means a more general popular interest might be awakened in the study of nature and science and that those unable to pursue these studies under more favorable circumstances might be encouraged and materially assisted in the daily observation and private study of the wonders of the natural world which an all-wise and all-good Creator has placed around us in such profusion for study and admiration. While the Club is designed to reach all classes of individuals who may be able to derive benefit therefrom it was organised especially to meet the wants of the Public School Teacher in consideration of the large influence exerted by this class and of the good results which must follow a more general introduction of the objective teaching of elementary science into the public schools. Some remarks made in a letter recently received from Dr. J. E. White, an enthusiastic naturalist and member of the Toronto Natural History Society, are so pertinent here that we cannot forbear publishing them. The Doctor says:

"I have just had the pleasure of perusing the *ACADIAN SCIENTIST* from its January number to the present, and cannot resist the temptation of writing you my sincere admiration of you and your fellow-laborers in the Club.

You are in a fair way of consummating

what has been for years my greatest desire, viz: the cultivation of the habit and faculty of observation in the youth of our county of the wondrous works of nature. I verily believe your plan of enlisting the active co-operation of the common school teachers is the one which will yield the best practical results. By individual efforts I have succeeded in helping a few of our youth along but I have often thought could I only gain the admission of the study of nature in her varied phases into the High or Common Schools, it would give such a change to the ordinary thought of the pattern schoolboy, that he would not be recognised. The insatiable curiosity of youth concerning the mysteries of nature, would then in a measure be gratified, and who is there will not say they are greater and better, for a peep into what now is a miserable blank."

The frequent receipt of communications of a similar tone shows us that our movement has the sympathy of a large number of prominent educators and scientists. It would therefore seem to commend itself to the favorable consideration of all friends of education and progress. It is hoped that every one to whose notice this may come will use his influence in advancing the interests of the Club. We feel free to ask for such co-operation from the fact that the Society subserves no private interests. Those who have the matter in charge receive no tangible recompense for time and labor devoted to it, but give such freely, only hoping that their work will be largely appreciated and that much good will result.

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If a man is not to become a specialist and nothing more, he must have received, before entering upon his professional training, a culture which will have developed and strengthened tastes and powers capable of resisting the influence of the technical school.—*Engineering and Mining Journal*.