

ilton shells by Mr. A. W. Hanham; several smaller lists in the Reports of the Geological and Natural History Survey; a list of Manitoba shells by Mr. Christy; and a most interesting little collection of specimens from near Winnipeg received from Mr. N. H. Cowdry through the kindness of Mr. James Fletcher.

Much, however, remains to be done before a complete check list can be prepared, and I am writing this note in the hope that the members of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, who are scattered through the length and breadth of the Dominion, will co-operate with me.

I should like observers in different parts of Canada to send me, not names merely, but actual specimens of all the species they can find, no matter how common, and in return I will name the specimens sent, as far as I can, for those who are not able to do this for themselves, and will also try to reciprocate by sending Western specimens, if so desired.

If the members of the Club will help me in this way during the coming summer, I think that in the autumn, all being well, I can publish a tolerably complete catalogue of our Canadian mollusca.

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#### MICROSCOPICAL SOIREE.

On Thursday, the 18th February, a very successful microscopical soiree was held in the Normal School, for the students of which it was in a large measure arranged, in acknowledgment of the courtesy shown to the club by Principal MacCabe. A large number of the students availed themselves of the invitation to attend, and with the members present completely filled the lecture room. By request of the committee brief elementary papers were prepared by the following members in explanation of the preparations exhibited:—

Mr. Harrington—Entomology.

Mr. Ferrier—Petrography.

Mr. Shutt—Forms of Animal and Plant Life in Swamp water.

Mr. Lehmann—Parasitic fungi.

At the close of each paper an interval of fifteen minutes was allotted to the examination of specimens illustrative of the subject introduced. Messrs. Whiteaves, Weston, Ferrier, Ami, Craig, Shutt,