

Robertson spoke on February 5th on "The Call of the Land," and by special request gave a twenty-minute talk on the work of Macdonald College. This meeting was graced by the presence of His Excellency the Governor-General, who moved the vote of thanks to the lecturer, which in turn was seconded by Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture.

As in former years, the Soirées Committee prepared a programme of fortnightly meetings. It was their sad duty to make the first of these a Memorial Meeting for the late Dr. James Fletcher. Lt.-Col. Wm. White, C.M.G., the first president of the Club, acted as chairman, and tributes were paid to the memory of our lamented leader by Mr. A. E. Attwood, Lt.-Col. Wm. White, Dr. Wm. Saunders, Mr. W. H. Harrington, Mr. R. B. Whyte, Mr. Arthur Gibson, Prof. John Macoun, Dr. H. M. Ami, Prof. F. T. Shutt, Rev. C. G. Eifrig, Mr. E. R. Cameron, Mr. T. J. MacLaughlin, Mr. W. J. Topley and Dr. S. B. Sinclair. Verbatim reports of these tributes appear in the Fletcher Memorial Number of *The Ottawa Naturalist*.

On January 5th, Rev. C. G. Eifrig gave an address in the Normal School on "Our Canadian Birds." The lecture was illustrated with the Bickmore series of lantern slides on this subject, which were kindly lent by McGill University for this special lecture. Mr. Eifrig's address was rich in material gained by actual observation in the field, and his talk was followed with keen interest by an audience that completely filled the large Assembly Hall.

On January 19th, Mr. Thos. W. Sowter read a paper on "Algonquin and Huron Occupation of the Ottawa Valley." Mr. Sowter, who has done excellent research work in the district, presented three distinct sets of evidence to prove that the Hurons had occupied portions of the Ottawa Valley. The lecturer opened up a field that was new to most of the audience, and his paper was also a masterly literary effort. This paper is to be published in *The Ottawa Naturalist*.

Prof. R. W. Brock, Director of the Geological Survey, delivered "A Popular Address on Minerals" on February 16th. Prof. Brock's lecture was made specially interesting by means of his excellent use of a large number of specimens.

March 2nd was "Ladies' Night" on the programme, a pleasing innovation. Miss M. McKay Scott spoke on "Stories about Flowers and their Healing Powers," dealing particularly with the part flowers have played as symbols and emblems from the earliest times of the race. Miss Florence Burt followed with a paper on "Mimicry in Nature." Various interesting examples of