

in Gaspé and the west coast of Newfoundland, and lists of some of these collections were published in the Reports of the Geological Survey and the *Canadian Naturalist*. He contributed many rare and interesting plants to the collections of the University and of this Society. He entered with zeal into the project of collecting a subscription for the erection of a monument over the bones of the pioneer American botanist, Frederick Pursh, and at the time of his death had succeeded in securing nearly a sufficient sum for the purpose. It is a sad coincidence that this subscription was commenced several years ago by another of our young botanists, the late Dr. Barnston, who also was removed by an early death.

Dr. Bell was a man of excellent gifts for scientific pursuits, and one whom we could have wished to give a larger amount of time to original research, but his noble and self-denying devotion to his high calling as a medical man, and especially to the relief of the poor and unfortunate, constitutes a higher claim to our regard than that which even brilliant scientific discoveries would have merited. I may add that Dr. Bell was always ready to aid our Society, and to give his valuable time to work in connection with our botanical collections.

Turning from the memory of the dead to the work of the living, I find that in all seventeen papers or communications on scientific subjects were brought under our notice in the past Session. Besides the reading of these papers, one evening was devoted to an exposition and illustration of the Telephone by Dr. Edwards and Mr. Murray; another to the exhibition of the collection of Canadian game formed by Dr. May for the Paris exhibition, and its explanation by Mr. Whiteaves and Mr. Marler, and still another to an exhibition of Microscopes and objects, for which we were specially indebted to Dr. Osler, Dr. McEachren, Mr. Ferrier, Mr. Muir, Mr. Murphy, and other microscopists. The arrangements for these meetings were made by our indefatigable Secretary, Dr. Baker Edwards, and they were all pleasant and successful.

Of the papers read the greater part were on geological subjects. Two eminent exceptions were that on the Locust in the North-West in 1876, by Dr. G. M. Dawson, and that on the Colorado Beetle by Mr. Caulfield. The former is the sequel to a series of papers on the same subject published in the *Naturalist*, and commenced when Mr. Dawson was geologist on the Boundary