

THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, the official organ of the Club has been under the editorship of Dr. Ami, with a staff of associate editors. This periodical will compare favourably with other publications of the kind, its articles being of a varied character, thoroughly scientific in tone, yet popular enough to meet the tastes of all students of Natural History who peruse its pages.

The Library—mostly made up of valuable exchanges from other clubs or societies—has been under the management of Mr. Sinclair. The work devolving upon the Librarian has of late increased to such an extent that the appointment of an Assistant Librarian is desirable.

During the absence of the Secretary from the Capital, in an official capacity, Miss Marion Whyte kindly and efficiently performed the work of that officer.

Jointly with the Literary and Scientific Society the Club held seven soirees during the winter months, and by the kind permission of the Ottawa Teachers' Association, a lecture by Prof. Cox, of McGill University, entitled: "Electrical Discharges in High Vacua," was incorporated in the series.

The seven soirees in their course were as follows:—

- Nov. 19, 1896.—*Conversazione*—Exhibition of microscopical objects, specimens of natural history and lantern slides. Short addresses were delivered by Mr. Shutt, President of the Club; Mr. Klotz, President of the Literary and Scientific Society; Dr. MacCabe, Principal of the Normal School; and Mr. Macdougall, President of the Ottawa Teachers' Association.
- Dec. 17.—A lecture entitled: "Goethe," by Prof. L. R. Gregor, of McGill University.
- Jan. 14, 1897.—A lecture entitled: "Under the Midnight Sun—A Trip to Iceland" (with original sciopticon views), by Prof. Mavor, of Toronto University.
- Jan. 21.—Addresses on "Recent Explorations in Canada," by Dr. G. M. Dawson, Dr. Robert Bell, Mr. J. B. Tyrrell and Mr. A. P. Low.