

of award in the department of minerology at the Columbian Exposition. His untiring devotion last summer at Chicago to the duties thus put on him, it is feared may have laid the foundation of the disease which overcame his otherwise vigorous constitution.

Professor Williams was an attractive teacher and had a peculiarly charming manner in both private conversation and public address, and the animated and clear descriptions he gave of even the most technical subjects went far to interest his hearers in any topic he chose to speak upon. His broad education, attractive personal qualities and thorough acquaintance with the facts of his science gave him a prominent place among his fellows, and although still a young man he was rapidly rising to honour and fame. His loss will be keenly felt by all who knew him, especially by those who had the rare privilege of belonging to the circle of his intimate friends.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

MONTREAL, Oct. 29th, 1894.

The first monthly meeting of the Society was held this evening, Dr. Wesley Mills, President, in the chair.

The minutes of the annual meeting were read and approved.

Minutes of Council meetings of May 28th, Oct. 15th and Oct. 22nd were read.

The following donations were reported:—Birch bark war canoe, donor, C.P.R., per J. Stevenson Brown; specimens of iron ores and pig iron from G. J. Drummond, also fossils from Radnor Forges, Quebec, from the Canada Iron Furnace Company; fossils from Low Bay, N.S., from J. G. Grenfell, of the Deep Sea Mission; two living snakes, the red-bellied (*Stoveria occipitamaculata*) and the garter (*Entaenia sirtalis*) from J. B. Williams; six specimens of snakes in alcohol, from Trinidad, from G. H. Fisher, per Alfred Griffin; fossil bone and geological specimens from R. Felch; Gar Pike (*Lepidostens osseus*) from James Wilson,