

On February 12th, Dr. R. N. Daly gave an address before a large audience on The Physical Conditions of Life in the Deep Seas. He pointed out the factors, such as temperature, presence of light, heat, air, low pressure, wave motion, and the facility of obtaining food, that make life more abundant near the surface than at greater depths. Deep sea types were then described with the conditions under which they live.

In the absence of Dr. Robertson, the paper on The Macdonald College was given by Prof. Lochhead of that institution, who described the college at Ste. Anne de Bellevue, and dealt with the great educational value of the work which Sir Wm. Macdonald's generosity is making possible.

The paper to have been given on March 12th, by Mr. Stewart on The Forestry Problem had to be cancelled because of Mr. Stewart's removal to Montreal. On that date Dr. Fletcher read before the Club a chapter on The Grey Wolf, from the manuscript of Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton's forthcoming book, The Mammals of Manitoba. The chapter describes the appearance, habits, and range of the Grey Wolf, and is replete with stories gleaned from all sources from Hudson Bay days to the present time. On the same evening, Dr. Ami presented the Report of the Geological Branch, and gave an illustrated address on The Methods of Work of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club. Some of the slides shown illustrated local geology, especially as observed in excavations made during the past few years, and others exhibited the kind of work done by the Club on its Saturday excursions and in connection with the Summer School of Science.

Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton, a valued member of the Club, very kindly gave an illustrated lecture on Animal Minds and Heroes, on the evening of February 16th, before an audience that completely filled the large Assembly Hall of the Normal School. Mr. Seton held his audience in the closest attention for a space of an hour and three-quarters while he described the famous heroes of animal history. To quote from a lengthy press notice, "Delivered with fire of oratory, and enlightened with frequent flashes of the keenest wit, the address was one of the best heard in Ottawa for many years."

EXCURSIONS.

The following programme of excursions was drawn up:

April 28th, Blueberry Point, Aylmer.

May 5th, Rockcliffe Park.

May 12th, Beaver Meadow, Hull.

May 19th, Cement Works, Hull.

May 26th, General Excursion, Chelsea.

June 2nd, Experimental Farm.