

EVENING LECTURES, 1892-93.

First meeting held Dec. 15th, 1892. Mr. Frank T. Shutt, M.A., Vice-President, in the Chair.

There were two papers on the programme: An Address of Welcome by Dr. MacCabe, Principal of the Normal School, and the Inaugural Address, by Mr. Shutt.

The chairman, in introducing Dr. MacCabe, said: I have great pleasure in announcing that we have with us this evening, the gentleman through whose kindly offices the Field-Naturalists' Club has the gratuitous use of this Hall in which to hold their winter meetings, — Dr. MacCabe, Principal of the Normal School.

We owe him a great debt of gratitude for this privilege; for looked at merely from a monetary standpoint, this arrangement effects a considerable saving in the Club's funds. But this, I take it, is by no means the only, nor indeed the greatest, advantage in our meeting here. By so doing, the work of the Club is brought very prominently and forcibly before that large class of workers—the Normal School students—men and women who are here for a time, for the purpose of fitting themselves for the grand profession of teaching. May we not hope, nay rather may we not expect, that the attendance here, and on our field days, may have awakened in many, a love and an interest for Natural Science, in the animals, the plants and the rocks that are about us; and may we not further expect that they, in turn, will impart to their pupils the knowledge here gained—that love and interest in the things of nature that we have been the means of instilling. Thus it is, that through them the work and influence of the Club may be extended into fields otherwise impossible for us to occupy.

Upon the invitation of the Council, Dr. MacCabe has kindly consented to address a few words of welcome to the Club.

Dr. MacCabe, on coming forward, was warmly greeted. The following is an abstract of his address, which was listened to with great attention and pleasure. The points introduced were apt and strongly put. Dr. MacCabe is a dignified and easy speaker, and his distinct enunciation made it easy for everyone to hear what he said:

Dr. MacCabe said he had much pleasure in renewing the welcome