

perly not only the present collection, which is exhibited in the old building on Sussex street, but also the thousands of specimens which are either stored away out of sight, or which it is impossible to exhibit in so limited a space at our disposal, but a building large enough to meet the exigencies of a growing time, is very deeply felt.

It is gratifying to see the noble effort put forth by the junior member of parliament for Ottawa, who takes such an active part in forwarding this good cause. We heartily wish him success and hope that the coming session of the Dominion Parliament will not close without voting a sum of money with which to begin the erection of such a monument.

#### CONCLUSION.

And now a word, in closing, about the work of our Club at Ottawa. There is a vast amount of work to do in any one branch in which the Club is engaged at present. It is earnestly hoped that the endeavours which are being put forth by this Club to stimulate and encourage the study of botany, geology, entomology and other sciences in our midst, will be appreciated by the Ottawa public, who are invited to attend the present course of lectures. Copies of the programme of this course of free soirées are here for distribution.

The membership of the Club, though fairly large, is not one-half what it ought to be in a city like Ottawa with a population of nearly 60,000 souls. It is gratifying, however, to notice a constant addition to our membership at each of the meetings of your council.

Without desiring to encroach upon the report of work done since the last annual meeting, it is particularly encouraging to observe that the seven Monday afternoon lectures, held in the Normal School building during the months of April and May, were very largely attended, as also the excursions and sub-excursions of the Club in the early part of the year. Let us all remember that the leaders of the various branches of the Club's work, as well as the editor and his staff of associates, are ever willing to give all the assistance they can to anyone desiring either to enlist in the army of the students of Nature or to contribute articles for our official organ, THE OTTAWA NATURALIST.