

times repay its cost. Its present limited issue will in no great number of years, render it a scarce work, and I have no doubt that the time is not far distant when it will be difficult, if not impossible, to procure complete sets.

The work of our last session may be summed up in the course of Sommerville lectures, and in the papers read at our monthly meetings. The former course—as usual largely attended—embraced subjects of great interest, and we are much indebted to the lecturers for their gratuitous services in this matter to the Society. The list is as follows:—

SOMMERVILLE LECTURES.

1. The Natural History of Ore Deposits, by Dr. T. Sterry Hunt.
2. The Life of an Oyster from a Man's standpoint, by Dr. P. P. Carpenter.
3. The Aborigines of New Brunswick, by C. Robb.
4. Man's Life in Montreal from an Oyster's standpoint, by Dr. P. P. Carpenter.
5. The Furs and Fur-bearing Animals of Canada, by Prof. Bell.
6. On the Chemical characters of the water available for the supply of Montreal, by Dr. J. Baker Edwards.

For next year I would suggest that possibly in addition to the Sommerville Course, we might provide a course or courses of evening lectures, not gratuitous, and by means of which the finances of the Society might be recruited.

The papers read at our monthly meetings number twelve in all. Four of these, that on the Ferns of Ceylon, by the President, Mr. Barnston; that on the Island of Cuba, by Mr. Matthew; the account of the Life and Labours of the late lamented Dr. Stimpson, by Dr. Philip Carpenter, and that on the Races of Northern Europe, by Rev. Canon Baldwin, relate to subjects beyond our immediate field. The others were more or less Canadian in their scope. Dr. McEachran gave us the result of his observations on the remarkable and mysterious disease which, with such marvellous rapidity, attacked the horses over nearly all Eastern North America, and the facts relating to the transmission and symptoms of which throw no little light on epidemics which afflict our own species. Mr. Paisley contributed some notes on the Post pliocene of New Brunswick, and Mr. Gibson on the Geology of Huron County, Ontario. Mr. Selwyn kindly laid before us a valuable summary of the Explorations of Mr. Richard-