

examined. The third was to Eastman's Springs on 24th July, when some interesting collections were made in the Mer Bleue swamp, and surrounding neighbourhood, and the waters of the mineral springs duly examined and tested. The fourth was to Meech's Lake on 4th September, on which occasion Mrs. W. J. Tilley very kindly invited all those present to visit her cottage, beautifully situated at the head of the lake, where she hospitably entertained them.

Sub-excursions were held almost every Saturday afternoon, from the opening of spring until late in the autumn, and those who attended did not fail to be both interested and instructed in the various branches, especially in Geology, Botany and Entomology.

The Botanical class, conducted by Mr. R. B. Whyte, in the Central School West, was, upon the appearance of vegetation, practically instructed in the field, the lessons being continued into the month of June. Many children had thus an excellent opportunity of acquiring a first insight into some of the beauties and interesting problems of plant life.

A very agreeable conversation was given, on the evening of the 26th May, to the Fellows of the Royal Society, under the joint management of the Councils of the Club and of the Ottawa Literary and Scientific Society. Through the kindness of our Vice-President, Prof. Woods, it was held in the assembly rooms of the Ladies' College, and the teachers and pupils of the college added much to the pleasure of the evening by generous contributions of vocal and instrumental music. The guests were suitably received by Mr. R. B. Whyte, acting-President of the Club, and Mr. W. P. Anderson, President of the O. L. and S. S. An address of welcome was given by Prof. Woods, and there were also addresses by several of the Fellows of the Royal Society, including Dr. Wilson, Sir W. Dawson and Rev. Dr. Hamel.

The winter course of meetings consisted of six soirees and nine elementary lectures, or classes, as follows:—

*Soirées*.—January 13th, "President's Inaugural Address," Prof. Macoun. January 27th, "Our Ottawa Butterflies," Mr. Fletcher; Reports of Geological and Conchological Branches; "Note on Ottawa Salamanders," Mr. Litchford. February 10th, "The Development of the Mines of the Ottawa District," Mr. John Stewart; Report of the Entomological Branch; "Note on Flour and Grain Beetles," Mr. Harrington. February 24th, "The Great Ice Age and Subsequent Formations at Ottawa," Mr. H. M. Ami; Report of Botanical Branch, "Note on