

The Librarian's report shows that this important department is also in a very satisfactory condition, and that the small appropriation which was made through the judicious management of the Club's finances, for binding, has been expended in that way to the very best advantage.

The authority given to the Council at the last annual meeting, to use its own discretion as to the manner of publishing the OTTAWA NATURALIST, was promptly acted upon at the beginning of the year; the monthly number was adopted, and the Editor and his assistants deserve much credit for the satisfactory manner in which the journal has been conducted, and for its prompt issue throughout the year.

As the members have been kept well posted through the pages of the NATURALIST, on all matters of interest in connection with the work of the Club, it is not considered necessary to further enlarge this report.

In conclusion, your Council cannot too strongly emphasize the importance of, and the advantages which have accrued to the Club, by the acquisition—through the kindness of Dr. MacCabe—of the use of rooms for lecturing and library purposes in the Normal School building. When this and the other important changes and features of the year's success are taken into consideration—such as the enlarged range of the Club's operations, the addition of lady members on the Council, the successful publication of the NATURALIST in monthly parts, the great addition to the membership, the large attendance at lectures, and the increased activity in the working ranks—the twelfth year may well be considered as marking an epoch in the Club's existence.

It is considered well to state here—in order that it may be discussed at this meeting if necessary—that the International Congress of Geologists has invited the members of this Club to take part in, or send delegates to, the meeting of the Congress which is to take place on the 26th of August next, at Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Council.

T. J. MACLAUGHLIN,  
Secretary.