

the fall of the year many points of peculiar interest were examined to advantage.

A number of enthusiastic members also availed themselves of the sub-excursions held on Saturday afternoons. On such occasions, when a few go together, work of a very important character is as a rule accomplished.

The OTTAWA NATURALIST has been under the editorship of Dr. Ami with a staff of Associate Editors. During the absence of the Editor from Ottawa for a time, Mr. Kingston was acting editor. Members generally have expressed their appreciation of the successful issue of the official organ of our club for the past year—its articles have been varied and its general character excellent, and the decided improvement in the tone of its contents, not to speak of its neat outward appearance, seems to foretell something of what the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club is likely to become in the future. The Council deem it advisable that a memorial be addressed to the Provincial Government asking for assistance to aid in publishing the NATURALIST.

The Library of the Club is perhaps less known to the members generally than it might be. It is mostly made up of valuable exchanges—the publications of other Associations interested in natural history and kindred sciences.

During the past winter the club held eight soirées jointly with the Literary and Scientific Society. There was a marked increase in the attendance and the Council and members generally are highly gratified at the success of the entire lecture course. The amalgamation scheme proved to work so admirably that the hope is entertained that as great success may attend the course in years to come.

On 26th Nov., 1895, a *Conversazione* was held at which addresses were delivered by Dr. MacCabe, Dr. Ells, and Mr. Shutt, objects were viewed under the microscope and specimens of Natural History exhibited. The microscopes were under the charge of the following gentlemen:—Prof. Saunders, Prof. Prince, Dr. Ami, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Babbington, Mr. Odell, Mr. March, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Halkett. A choice