

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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THE PRESIDENT.—We are much pleased to welcome safely back again Dr. George M. Dawson, C.M.G., F.R.S., &c., our President, who has just returned from England where he has been engaged for five months in connection with the Behring Sea arbitration. We congratulate Dr. Dawson upon the important work which has been entrusted to him by the Imperial authorities, and also on the latest honour which it pleased Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen to bestow upon him last May in recognition of his many services to science. This last distinction was Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. (C.M.G.)

DR. ADAMS.—Mr. Frank D. Adams, M. App. Sc., and late of the Geological Survey Staff at Ottawa, spent the summer in Germany where the University of Heidelberg conferred upon him the well-earned title of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.).

SCIENCE-TEACHING AT OTTAWA.—At the last general excursion of the Club to La Pêche, there were no less than 80 students from the Normal School. This speaks well indeed for the Science Master at this institution, and shows plainly that Mr. William Scott is not merely a teacher from text books, but leads his students out into the fields, where alone can be acquired a practical acquaintance with the objects which they have to study. No greater compliment than this, we think, could have been paid Mr. Scott by his pupils, and we feel sure that he must have been much encouraged by this practical and well-merited expression of approval of his method of teaching. We hope that at some future time the Science Master of the Collegiate Institute may also see the benefit of availing himself of the advantages offered at the Club meetings of furthering the important work with which he is entrusted.

AUTHORS' EXTRAS.—At a recent meeting of the Council of the Club it was decided to give to any member who contributed an article of more than two pages in length, ten copies of the number of the OTTAWA NATURALIST which contains his article, upon his making application to the Editor or the Librarian at the time of publication.