

# THE OTTAWA NATURALIST

---

VOL. XXIII.

OTTAWA, APRIL, 1909

No. 1

---

## THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 16TH, 1909.

### MEMBERSHIP.

With the view of increasing the membership, a letter was prepared, outlining the work of the Club, and copies of this letter were sent to persons known to be interested in such work. During the year, 47 new members have been elected, making the present membership 321, composed of 313 Ordinary Members and 8 Corresponding Members. This represents a net gain of 30 for the year, and makes the present membership the largest in the history of the Club.

### SOIRÉES.

Acting on the suggestion of Dr. J. F. White, Principal of the Normal School, the various scientific and literary societies prepared a joint lecture programme for the year 1908-1909. The object was to provide a series of lectures of somewhat popular interest to be given at intervals of two weeks in the Assembly Hall of the Normal School. The plan has been completely successful. There has been no clashing of dates as in former years, the various societies have been brought into closer relationship, and large audiences have marked the entire course.

The societies under whose auspices addresses have been given are: The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, The Literary and Scientific Society, The Royal Astronomical Society, The Women's Art Association, The Women's Historical Association, The Dickens' Fellowship, McGill University Club, Queen's University Club, Toronto University Club, and The Normal School. Those who lectured under our auspices were Dr. A. P. Knight, of Queen's University, and Dr. Jas. Robertson, C.M.G., Principal of Macdonald College. Dr. Knight read an able paper on December 11th. on the subject of "Water and Disease." Dr.