

and its hideous glaring eye and formidable beak make it a most repulsive object.

Owing to the heavy surf beating on broken coral, shells in a perfect state are rare on the shore, the specimens for collection being dredged from among the reefs.

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The *Eleventh Winter Meeting* of the *Geological Society of America* was held in New York City from December 28th to 30th, 1898. There was a large attendance of fellows, and more papers than could be conveniently read were presented. The Sessions were held in Shermerhorn Hall, Columbia University at Morningside Heights. An address of welcome by President Low of Columbia was followed by Reports of Council and declaration of vote for officers for 1899, which is as follows :—
President : B. K. Emerson ; *Vice-President* : G. M. Dawson ; *Secretary* : H. L. Fairchild ; *Treasurer* : I. C. White ; *Editor* : J. Stanley Brown ; *Librarian* : H. P. Cushing, and *Council* of three.

The necrology of the late Prof. James Hall, well known to many members of the Club, by the retiring President, J. J. Stevenson, was a worthy tribute and memorial to so great an administrator, geologist and palæontologist.

The Presidential address by Prof. J. J. Stevenson was both a useful and practical retrospect in the work of early geologists as well as a hopeful look forward into the future of "Our Society."

The following are some of the papers read and presented to the Society by Canadians.—

A Remarkable Landslip on the Riviere Blanche, Portneuf County, Quebec.

By DR. GEORGE M. DAWSON, Ottawa, Ont.

In this paper a brief account is given of the landslip that occurred on May 7th, last. It affected the thick deposit of Leda clay that floors this part of the St. Lawrence plain and serves to indicate that a clay of