

4. *D'Urban, on the valley of the River Rouge.*—Giving catalogues of the animals of a district but little known.

## ETHNOLOGICAL.

*Dawson, on aboriginal Antiquities in Montreal.*—An interesting paper respecting some Indian remains found in excavating for buildings near Sherbrooke Street, and tending to prove the site of the original Indian Village.

## BOTANICAL.

*D'Urban, on the Flora of the Counties of Argenteuil and Ottawa.*—A valuable Catalogue of the plants of that part of Canada.

Under this head may also be placed a very interesting memoir and account of the labours of Douglas the great botanical explorer of the West coast of America.—By G. Barnston, Esq.

These papers contain a great deal of most interesting matter on a variety of subjects; and many of them are full of new facts bearing upon Natural History and Geology, and though they may be read afterwards in the pages of the "Naturalist," where, with many other valuable contributions, they are placed on record, yet to any young persons anxious to acquire any accurate knowledge, it would be far more profitable to attend the monthly meetings, at which they are read, because they might acquire much valuable information by conversation and enquiry, respecting details growing out of these subjects. And it is certain if a student once takes up a particular branch and follows it out systematically in detail, that an immense amount of interest is rapidly created; and by careful observation, without any great expenditure of time, he is soon able to contribute many useful facts for the enlargement or correction of our knowledge of Natural History. One great object of popular lectures, and public collections in Museums, is to excite such a taste for Natural Science, that in some persons at least a real interest may be created, and the study systematically pursued. Kindred Societies elsewhere in Canada are labouring in the same field, and each doing their part; let us rejoice with them in whatever success attends their efforts: such as the Canadian Institute of Toronto, the Historical Society of Quebec, and the Botanical Society of Kingston. And through the pages of the Montreal "Canadian Naturalist," our Society is now becoming known and valued far and wide by those who are well able to appreciate its worth. Many copies of every bi-monthly number are exchanged with other scientific Societies,