

the Excursion had been arranged, and the way in which the work was divided up under the leadership of specialists in the different branches of Natural History. He had enjoyed his day with the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club very much indeed, and hoped that at the annual excursion of the Montreal Natural History Society, which was to be held the next Saturday at Lachute, he might have the pleasure of meeting many of those present. Miss E. Bolton, a member of the Council of the Club, spoke a few words, at the request of the President, upon the benefits of the Club as an educational institution. She spoke in a most encouraging way of the good the Club was doing amongst the young at the public schools of the city by drawing their attention to the good and beautiful.

The benefit to the Club of having ladies on the Council was plainly seen at this and subsequent excursions during the summer.

EXCURSION TO LACHUTE.—June 7.—In response to an invitation from the Montreal Natural History Society, 17 members of the Club, including the President and several ladies, attended the excursion of that Society at Lachute. The Ottawa contingent arrived first, and received the Montreal club at the station on their arrival. A pleasant day was spent, and many interesting Natural History specimens were collected. Mr. Ami was asked to act as judge of the geological collections and Mr. Fletcher performed the same office for the botanical collections. The President, Dr. Ellis expressed the pleasure that he and his companions from Ottawa had experienced in meeting their Montreal friends, and trusted that there might be frequent similar joint excursions in the future. Mr. Whiteaves being asked to speak of the geology, said that Lachute was classic ground to the geologist, and told how Sir William Logan visited the place at a very early period of his career as Canadian Geologist, in a canoe, attended by four Caughnawaga Indians. How he had noticed the exposures of the calciferous and Potsdam formations in the neighbourhood of the Laurentian; and how he found the band of white crystalline limestone and traced it so many miles across the country. Short addresses were also given by Dean Carmichael, the Mayor of Lachute, and Professor Penhallow, who announced that in answer to the invitation of the Natural History Society, the Royal Society of Canada would hold their next meeting at Montreal. Votes of thanks were passed unanimously to the Mayor and people of Lachute, and cheers were given for the gentlemen who had addressed them and for the party from Ottawa. The company were invited to board the cars, where refreshments were provided through the kindness of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

WINTER SOIREEES.

All members who wish to read papers or short notes for publication during the winter should send in the titles of their papers without further delay, as the programme for the winter is now being drawn up.