

## AMONG THE ROCKS,

which was represented by wonderful extempore music created by the host of the hotel, a young man who had recently become proprietor of this famous old hostelry.

To Mr. Alex. McInnes, manager of the Spring Hill coal mines, and Dr. Cove, M.A., my thanks were specially due for many kindnesses, especially for collecting a number of fossil plants for me during my short but almost fatal sickness which lasted some days after I again returned to Ottawa. It was this sickness and general debility that caused me to apply for superannuation, which after a further leave of absence for four months, during which my time, whenever able, was spent on the Quebec rocks in the interest of the Survey—was granted on the 1st of July 1894.

A few more words before closing these rambling remarks. During my 35 years' connection with the Geological Survey of Canada changes have constantly taken place, and constant improvements in this Institution have been made, especially since the Dominion Government decided to remove the Survey to Ottawa. The palæontological branch has (like all the other branches) prospered under the able chief of that department Mr. J. F. Whiteaves and his assistants, one of whom it has been my privilege to be since the death of the former palæontologist, Mr. E. Billings. It has not been as some members of the Survey prophesied—"the beginning of the end,"