

Young Men's Christian Association. There was a large audience consisting of students, teachers and many of the general public. Much interest was added to the lecture through the kindness of Prof. John Macoun, who lent beautifully prepared skins of the birds mentioned by Dr. Fletcher. A simple classification of the birds found in Canada was given and delightful anecdotes of the habits of many species which had been observed during a study of twenty-three years by the lecturer. A special appeal for protection was made on behalf of the Pine Grosbeak, Wax-wings and other birds which visit us in winter time. The songs of our birds, the regularity of their migrations and the continuous delight to be found in their study were treated of in an enthusiastic manner which was highly appreciated by those present.

ROCKS AND FOSSILS.

On Monday, 31st May, Dr. H. M. Ami, one of the Leaders appointed last April by the Club, in charge of the geological section, delivered an interesting lecture on "Geology, with special reference to the Ottawa District." In the course of his remarks, Dr. Ami described, first, the leading kinds of rocks to be met with in studying the various geological formations about Ottawa. This done, he gave a careful description of the different formations, pointing out their mineral, stratigraphical and palæontological relations as seen in the field. The best and most typical exposures were then described and the localities, where the best collections of fossil organic remains might be obtained were pointed out.

Many of the students of our educational institutions present took notes on the lecture and asked numerous questions, to which the lecturer replied. The lecture was illustrated by means of diagrams on paper and on the blackboard, and also by numerous fossil organic remains illustrating the geological features of the formations met with in the Ottawa Valley.