

to report. The chairman was absent on official work, in the course of which some interesting points in the life-history and migrations of the shad were decided, and a note of these will appear shortly in *The Ottawa Naturalist*. Mr. Halkett was again for some months in the Northwest Provinces, visiting remote lakes, where interesting observations were made in fish life in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Biological Stations at St. Andrews, N.B., on the Georgian Bay, near Penetanguishene Ont., and at Nanaimo, B.C., have carried on important researches. At the last named station *Ronquilus jordani* was taken by the Rev. G. W. Taylor and Mr. Halkett in October, the first record for Canada of this interesting trachinoid. A further series of Biological Reports (forming Part III.) will be issued at an early date. Three specimens of the interesting Rocky Mountain Whitefish (*Coregonus williamsoni*) have just been received at the Fisheries Museum, and a short account of this peculiar species is being prepared.

THE LATE DR. FLETCHER.

In the death of Dr. James Fletcher the Club has sustained the greatest loss in its history. Dr. Fletcher was one of the founders of the Club, and from its inception, thirty years ago, he continued to take an active part in all its affairs up to the time of his death. The present volume of *The Ottawa Naturalist* contains contributions from his pen, and the published reports of excursions and branch meetings of the past year bear witness to his untiring zeal. No member ever brought to the work of the Club greater genius, displayed a more charming personality, or gave more unselfishly of his time and talents. It is quite fitting, therefore, that the Club with which he was so closely identified should take the initiative in the movement to erect a permanent memorial to him. A circular letter has been prepared and sent to societies and individuals interested in his work, and the committee in charge of the movement anticipates a generous response to its appeal for contributions towards the proposed memorial.

THE LIBRARY.

During the year a great many sets of *The Ottawa Naturalist* have been transferred from the room in the basement of the Normal School to the Geological Survey, where they are stored under the direct supervision of the Librarian, Mr. C. H. Young. The Council is pleased to be able to report that the question of making the exchanges more accessible to the members at last bids fair to be settled satisfactorily, as two definite plans for