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On November 2, 1888, a number of persons interested in
natural sciences met at the home of Mr. C. M. Weed to consider
the organization of a biological club. A committee of three
members, Messrs. Lazenby, Thorne and Weed, was appointed
to draw up a scheme of organization. Another meeting was held
November 5th, when the formal organization of the club was
accomplished, with the following charter members present: Moses Craig, W. S. Devol, J. F. Hickman, D. S. Kellicott, W. R. Lazenby, W. G. Green, C. P. Sigerfoos, C. S. Thorne, and C. M. Weed. The organization was called the Biological Club of the Ohio State University, and Agricultural Experiment Station. Meetings were held fortnightly at the homes of the members.

Later the Club met in Horticultural Hall and finally, from 1891 to 1900, in Botanical Hall. The first officers were: President, C. E. Thorne; Vice President, D. S. Kellicott, and Secretary, C. M. Weed.

At the meeting of November 3rd, 1891, a committee was appointed to consider the organization of a State Academy of Science. This resulted in the organization of our present State Academy on December 31, 1891.

The club has been active from the time of its organization with the exception of a period of seventeen months, from February 21, 1894, to September 19, 1895, during which no meetings were held. At the latter date the Club was again called together by Prof. Kellicott, and reorganized.

On March 5, 1900, a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Herbert Osborn, W. A. Kellerman, and F. J. Tyler, to consider the advisability of establishing a biological bulletin to be published by the Club. The scheme was adopted, and the first editorial staff of the Ohio Naturalist was elected on June 4, 1900.

The following is a list of the officers of the Club previous to 1900, when the printed records of the Club in the Ohio Naturalist begin:

1888–1889—Pres., C. E. Thorne; Vice Pres., D. S. Kellicott; Sec., C. M. Weed.
1891–1892—Pres., W. A. Kellerman; Vice Pres., F. M. Webster; Sec., W. C. Werner.
1894–1895—No meetings held.
1897–1898—Pres., J. A. Bownocker; Vice Pres., F. L. Stevens; Sec., E. B. Williamson.