

MEETING OF THE BIOLOGICAL CLUB.

A meeting of the Biological Club was held in Zoological Lecture-room January 7, 1901. Professor Osborn presided; twenty-three members present.

Mr. Griggs, secretary of the board of editors gave a financial report and recommended that the name of the publication be changed to THE OHIO NATURALIST. By the unanimous vote of the members present, the recommendation was adopted.

Professor Hambleton read a paper on his Explorations in southern Chili and Patagonia. He said:

The expedition was sent out by the Chilean government and had for its object the exploration of the coast from about 40° south latitude to 48° in search of a river that might come from beyond the mountains. This was done and a river called by the party *Baker River* was discovered emptying into Baker channel at about 47° 20' south latitude. This river was followed in its course to the water-shed and was found to be the outlet of Lake Cochrane, though its principal source was not discovered.

A study of the flora of the region traversed by the party brought to light the following facts: That the Peninsula of Taitao marks the division line between the rich and varied flora of the Llanquihue region and the monotonous flora of the Magellan Strait region.

The difference between these two floras is really remarkable. In the Llanquihue region no one species nor even genus can be said to predominate. Character is given to the vegetation by the *Chusquea quila* a sort of climbing bamboo. *Fuchsia macrostemma* and a large variety of stately forest trees, all struggling together for the mastery and making a forest as impenetrable as the Selvas of the Amazon.

The Magellanic region is characterized by the predominance of several species of *Nothofagus*. Immense forests may be found composed exclusively of a single species, for example, the *N. pumila*, and in all this region, extending from the Peninsula of Taitao to Cape Horn, a distance 10° of latitude, no other kind of tree acquires any considerable size.

Professor Mills gave a report of the Baltimore meeting of Anthropologists, and Professor Osborn gave a short account of a visit with Dr. P. R. Uhler, and called attention to some of the Zoological papers read before the meeting of the Society of Naturalists.

J. K. Knox, Miss Mary Dresbach, Miss Mary C. Crawford, E. D. Coberly, C. C. Poindexter, A. F. Conradi and Miss Clara Tangeman were elected to membership.

The Society then adjourned.

JAS. S. HINE, Secretary.