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“Many of the subjects were illustrated by lantern slides from original photographs, some of the latter also being taken from negatives loaned by the American Museum of Natural History.

“The forthcoming volume of the *Memoirs* of the Club will contain an extended account of the floral features of the region traversed.”

Adjournment followed.

B. O. DODGE,  
*Secretary*

#### NEWS ITEMS

In the death of C. K. Dodge, of Port Huron, Michigan, systematic botany in this country has suffered a decided loss. Mr. Dodge was one of the older school of botanists who believed in making extensive collections of plants, and in giving an intensive study to the flora of different regions. He is known to many of the specialists in various groups because of his large collections, which he was always ready to lend to those who were making a study of any important family or genus.

Charles Keene Dodge was born April 26, 1844, on a farm five miles north of the city of Jackson, Michigan. He attended country and city school, and in 1865 went to Ann Arbor, where he attended the Union School for one year, entering the University of Michigan in the fall of 1866. He pursued a classical course and graduated in 1870. He taught school in Rockland, Michigan, and Hancock, Michigan, each two years, and then studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1875. He settled in Port Huron in that year and practiced law until 1893, when he was appointed Deputy U. S. Customs Inspector, a position which he held until his death.

His greatest interest in botany dated back to shortly after the completion of his university course, although he was interested in plants even as a boy. One of the reasons that he gave up the practice of law and accepted the Customs Office position was that it would give him more time for the study of his beloved collections, so that we find that his botanical publications mostly fall in the last twenty-five years of his life.

Mr. Dodge was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Michigan Academy of Science, and of other scientific organizations.

Among his publications are the following: The Flowering Plants, Ferns, and Fern Allies growing without Cultivation in Lambton County, Ontario, 16th Report, Michigan Academy of Science, 1914; Annotated List of the Flowering Plants and Ferns of Point Pelee, Ontario, and Neighboring Districts, Canada Department of Mines, Memoir 54, No. 2, Biological Series, 1914; Observations on the Collection and Study of *Crataegi* in the Vicinity of Port Huron, Michigan, 9th Report, Michigan Academy of Science, 123-125, 1907; A Botanical Trip to Thunder Bay Island, 10th Report, Michigan Academy of Science, 40-41, 1908. Results of the Mershon Expedition to the Charity Islands, Lake Huron, Plants, 13th Report, Michigan Academy of Science, 173-190, 1911; The Flowering Plants, Ferns, and Allies, of Mackinaw Island, 15th Report, Michigan Academy of Science, 1913; Flora of St. Clair Co., Michigan, and the Western Part of Lambton County, Ontario, published by the Michigan Horticultural Society, 1899. (*Ernst Bessey.*)

Mr. Oliver Atkins Farwell for twenty-six years curator of the herbarium and drug inspector for the well known firm of manufacturing chemists, Parke, Davis & Company, has recently been appointed Instructor of Botany at the Detroit College of Pharmacy in place of Mr. Blome, who resigned.

Volume seventeen of the *Memoirs* of the Club, consisting of 496 pages, was issued 10 June. These contain the proceedings of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Club held October 18, 19 and 20, 1917, which besides historical matter and reminiscences, consists of over 25 scientific papers read at that celebration.