

few years this minute planet, the attendant of a comparatively insignificant star of the system, to reach out to the inconceivable depths of space and reduce the apparent confusion of stars to orderly systems, to deduce the laws which govern these systems and thus unify to a certain degree all the wonderful phenomena of suns, planets and comets, stars, nebulae and clusters into one whole. We are surely all convinced that it will not rest there, but will eventually still further unravel the mystery of the universe.

EXCURSIONS.

The first outing for the Spring of 1912 was held on Saturday afternoon, the 27th of April, to Beechwood. The weather was fine at first, and a large number of old and new members and leaders gathered at the place of meeting, and then walked along Beechwood Avenue to the woods on the left hand side of the road. Only a few of the early spring flowers were out, but they were welcome as old friends, and eagerly gathered. It is a well-explored locality and no new or rare plants were discovered, but some plants in their early stage of growth presented an unusual appearance that would puzzle all but an expert. This was exemplified afterwards when a leader in botany passed around a tiny seedling and no one recognized it. Then he said it was a cedar. The name sounded like "Sedum", and the needle-like leaves did not look unlike the linear leaves of some of the stone crop family. When he passed around a slightly more matured specimen with the ordinary foliage developing, everyone was able to recognize it.

Unfortunately the weather turned cold and cloudy, and the meeting closed abruptly without a complete list of specimens being named.

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NOTE.

The Riding Mts. of Manitoba will probably be noted in some future day as a game reserve. If present plans materialize a considerable section of the interior of the Forest Reserve will shortly be set aside as a permanent home for big game. Elk, moose, mule-deer, bear and beaver are plentiful. Beaver are so numerous along the Whirlpool and other streams flowing from the mountains that they are actually a menace to the farmers owning meadows. Whole clearings of poplar, log-slides, recently built dams and lodges are to be seen in various places.

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