

and country seats which lay at our feet or in the dim distance, pointed out everything of interest and explained every seeming difficulty, so that two hours passed away in the most pleasant and profitable manner.

The party now grouped themselves and an amateur photographer took pictures of the various parties. These were developed later in the summer and distributed to the various members. After this we divided into two parties, one of which was to return to Croydon by train, the other to walk across country through lanes and by-paths to Croydon, a distance of over 12 miles. My friends choose to walk and I perforce accompanied them. The remembrance of that walk will live in my memory as long as life lasts, for in it I made the acquaintance of English country scenery and Englishmen out for a holiday. It is not my purpose to describe English scenery, nor to enter into details concerning its beauties, but to point out the difference between Englishmen and ourselves, when on an excursion.

The average Canadian loves a picnic and delights to ride in a waggon along dusty roads to a point eight or ten miles away, eat a hearty lunch, take a short stroll, eat again, get into the conveyance, drive back to the city and talk about the Field-Naturalists' Excursion. The above is our plan. Can we not improve on this, and although we may ride out as usual, could we not do more walking and collecting and arrange for at least the active members of the Club making all-day excursions by going out ten or twelve miles from the city by rail or waggon and returning across country on foot.

While I do not wish to condemn ourselves for our want of desire to walk in the hot sun, I cannot help praising the Englishman for his enthusiasm in entering upon these excursions with a characteristic zest. If the excursions organized by us be fair examples of what is done in other parts of our country I should advise a new departure and strongly urge on the active members of the Club to form an inner circle and have excursions of their own where they can explore and investigate new districts and gather additional material for more fully elucidating the Natural History of our district.

The love of Natural History, which is self-evident in England, must arise from the familiarity of both young and old of all classes