

SUB-EXCURSIONS.

NINTH.—On 30th July this Excursion was to have been to the Beaver Meadow, Hull; but as only five members of the botanical section turned up, and the heat was intense, it was decided to visit a nearer locality, and Stewart's Bush was chosen. The woods, owing to the almost unprecedented drought, were very dry, and it was noticed that the underbrush and even the forest trees were suffering severely from want of water.

TENTH.—On 6th August to Gatineau Point, P.Q. This Excursion was a very successful one. Several ladies attended the meeting and made collections of plants under the guidance of the President, Mr. Whyte, and the botanical leader, Mr. Fletcher. The different character of the soil and woods in the vicinity of Gatineau Point, as compared with more accessible localities on the Ontario side of the river, always renders it an interesting field for our collectors. While the woods and fields were being ransacked by the botanist and entomologist Mr. Latchford, the conchologist, accompanied by one brave and enthusiastic lady follower, took a somewhat dangerous and will-o-the-wisp-like journey over the surface of a dried up creek. Mr. Latchford reported, however, that no finds of special interest had rewarded their efforts. The party assembled in a maple grove, where some of the beauties and wonders of plant and insect life were elucidated by Mr. Fletcher. He spoke of some of the plants which are useful to man; hemp, nettle, milkweed and fireweed (*epilobium*) were referred to as fibre plants. Some of the peculiarities of the *Solanum* were explained and the action of frost upon potatoes and other vegetation was spoken of. The life history of *Limnitis Disippus* was told and some interesting instances of protective mimicry and hibernation amongst insects were related.

ELEVENTH.—On the 21st August a botanical party visited the Beaver Meadow, Hull, and spent a very pleasant afternoon in that interesting locality. The President, Mr. R. B. Whyte, made an instructive address on the more noteworthy species collected, among which may be mentioned the Pickerel weed, the closed Gentian, and the Clematis (*C. Virginiana*, L.) of which the fruit is very interesting.