

By special request Mr. W. T. Macoun read a very graphic description of a trip made by him several years ago up Mount Arrowsmith, Vancouver Island. The reading of the paper was followed by some very interesting and amusing reminiscences by Prof. Macoun and Dr. Fletcher, who have also made the ascent of this very picturesque mountain.

Mr. E. R. Cameron read an extract on "Weeds" from John Burroughs' "Pepacton" in corroboration of what Prof. Macoun had stated on that subject at the previous meeting.

"It is a fact," writes Burroughs, "that all our most pernicious weeds, like our vermin, are of Old World origin. . . . We have hardly a weed we can call our own; I recall but three that are at all noxious or troublesome, namely, milkweed, ragweed and golden-rod."

Some time was spent discussing a question asked by the chairman: "Why are the plants of my window-garden not thriving better?" Lack of success with potted plants in an ordinary living-room may be due to unsuitable soil, injudicious watering, dryness of the atmosphere, the presence of dust and insects on the plants, insufficient sunlight, inadequate development before bringing into the house, or worms in the soil.

As an outcome of the discussion on the management of potted plants, it was decided to prepare a list of books that would be of assistance to the amateur and professional lover of plant life. The following may therefore be considered as a select bibliography of guides in the identification and cultivation of plants.

I.—BOTANICAL KEYS.

An Illustrated Flora of the Northern United States and Canada. Britton and Brown. 3 vols. \$9.

Field, Forest and Garden. A Simple Introduction to the Common Plants of the United States east of the Mississippi—both wild and cultivated. Asa Gray.

Manual of the Flora of the Northern States and Canada. Nathaniel Lord Britton, Ph.D. 1080 pp. \$1.50.

Manual of the Flora of the Northern States and Canada. New edition. (In preparation.)

II.—POPULAR BOTANICAL GUIDES.

Our Northern Shrubs and how to Identify them. Harriet L. Keebler. 500 pp. 240 ill. \$2.