

So writes Carpenter the physiologist and further : " All our science is but the investigation of the mode or plan in which the Creator acts ; the power which operates is infinite and therefore inscrutable to our limited comprehension." I am afraid that of late it has not been customary or very fashionable, in discoursing of the wonders of nature, to make much reference to the existence of a higher power than nature. In this I think we err grievously and I do not hesitate to range myself with those who believe it to be their duty, on such occasions as the present, to acknowledge with reverence the Creator and His wondrous works. I have no desire to depreciate the powers of the human intellect or disparage full and free investigation, but we should remember that to err is human in scientific as well as moral respects. As Schiller says : " Error leaves us never ; but a high desire conducts the striving soul ever on towards the truth." Yes ; " towards the truth," but possession of the whole truth can never be ours. Newton's ocean will always be spread out before us, and although here and there an adventurous ship may dredge in its depths and add slightly to the sum of our knowledge, still infinite space will remain for the labour of the investigators of countless human generations yet to come. Do not let us therefore become impatient or querulous or sceptical because we are not permitted to know everything. Let us acknowledge that we are woefully shortsighted at the best, and when in our reading or thinking or investigations we find ourselves face to face with wonderful and inscrutable phenomena let us stand silent in awe and reverence, or if we must attempt to explain the ways of the omniscient Author of the universe let us simply repeat what we are told in Scripture, that " He upholdeth all things by the word of His power."

SECOND GENERAL EXCURSION.

On Saturday afternoon, June 23rd, the members and friends of the club made their second excursion of the season, leaving by the 1 p.m. train for Wakefield and La Pêche.

Owing to several important events transpiring in Ottawa during the afternoon (notably a lacrosse fight) and the fact that many arrived at the station by electric car just too late to get on board, the party of excursionists was smaller than usual - about 70 being present.