

know as much about the native trees as possible. Specimens were named by Mr. Macoun and the difference between the various species pointed out. Mr. Jarvis, of Guelph, followed and compared the trees of the Ottawa district with those of Western Ontario, he also conducted an impromptu class for a few minutes and by questions and answers brought out much useful information about the trees observed during the afternoon. Rev. G. Eitrig said that few birds had been observed. He described the habits and notes of the Chickadee, Nuthatches and Creepers, and told the excursionists some interesting things about the migration of birds. Miss McKay Scott spoke appreciatively of the delights to be found in the woods at this time of the year.

Dr. J. F. Whiteaves was present and gave much information to those wishing to learn about the rocks and the fossils contained in them. The President, Dr. Sinclair, in closing the meeting congratulated all present on the enjoyable outing and hoped that they all might have many more together.

W. T. M.

SUB-EXCURSION TO BEAVER MEADOW.

Saturday afternoon, 14th October, proved a most delightful day for a jaunt in the autumn woods, and about 60 members of the Club took advantage of the favourable opportunity for examining the rocky ledges along the Beaver Meadow at Hull. President Sinclair drew attention to some of the more interesting localities, and the party then broke up into bands and sallied out under the various leaders. Mr. W. T. Macoun and Dr. Fletcher had a numerous following of those interested in plants, and several enthusiasts led by Dr. Ami pushed forward up the valley to Fairy Lake, where they had a pleasant afternoon, examining the fossils in the Coral Reef. Mr. Halkett delighted his party by drawing forth many objects of interest—snakes, frogs, spiders and insects—from beneath stones and logs. When the party re-assembled before leaving for home, Mr. Halkett also gave much valuable and entertaining information concerning the habits of the different specimens secured. Dr. Fletcher spoke briefly of some of the more striking plants, showing what a surprising number of objects worth studying could be found even at this late date in the season. The trend of his remarks was that all things in a state of nature were beautiful and exceedingly instructive. If at first we could not see the beauty, we must look further for it, feeling confident that it was there, and we should surely find it and get much health-giving pleasure in the quest. He spoke of some of the trees growing around the meeting place and pointed out their characteristics. President Sinclair was congratulated on his thoughtful management, by which this and all other excursions of the year had been made so successful.

J. F.