

undescribed shell—an exquisite, brightly-colored, little *Musculium*, mainly occurring in the outlet of the lake. Specimens were not numerous and in sifting through the hand-dredge the coarse gravel in which they seemed least rare not a few were broken. A nice set, however, was procured in the time I could avail myself of without trespassing unduly upon the patience of my waiting host, who pityingly regarded me with the compassion due to a naturalist exercising his hobby in the presence of a sane onlooker. I fear I should never have regained my friend's good opinion had I not later that evening made just the right lead to his double of a no trumps declaration, and thus enabled him, from love, to make game and rubber.

A characteristic lot of the little mussels was sent to Dr. Sterki. He recognized it as a new species which he had described in MS from specimens obtained in Michigan. His description has now been published, but it is of interest only to the few who, leaving the broad and well-trodden ways so many follow in nature study, venture almost alone into the sequestered fields which are so full of freshness and permanent delight.

I may add, as of interest to the ornithologists of the Club, that a large heronry exists in a grove of tall hemlocks at the south end of Lake Gorman. None of the birds, *Ardea herodias*, were seen on the occasion mentioned.

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PORTRAIT OF THE LATE DR. JAMES FLETCHER.

On the afternoon of 28th February, in the presence of several members of the Memorial Committee, the portrait of the late Dr. James Fletcher, painted by Mr. Franklyn Brownell, R.C.A., and unveiled at a recent meeting of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club by the Hon. Sydney Fisher, was hung in the Carnegie Library. The portrait, which is an excellent likeness, has been much admired by friends of the late Dr. Fletcher. It is a graceful tribute to the memory of one who was greatly beloved in this city and one who with much enthusiasm did most valuable pioneer work in encouraging a love for the study of Nature among our citizens.