

and its distribution in a general way. Had one or two localities been mentioned at which collectors could find each species, the value of the "Flora" to the traveller making only a short stay in the mountains would have been greatly enhanced, but as this defect is covered by Miss Farr's "Catalogue" which is a natural, and indeed a necessary complement of the "Flora" it will not be felt to the degree it would have been had the "Catalogue" not been published. The names used by Dr. Brown are those approved by the school of American botanists who have not accepted the "Vienna Rules." No objection could be taken to the use of this system of nomenclature were any synonymy given but one not familiar with some of these new names will be unable to decide whether they are applied to new segregates or are only new names substituted for the old familiar ones, which will generally prove to be the case. This defect is also remedied, however, by Miss Farr's "Catalogue." In her preface she says candidly: "The nomenclature is in accordance with the best judgment of the author," but "one synonym is given under each species where from familiar usage in the past such a course seems desirable." A strict application of the "Vienna Rules" will result in the changing of very few of Mrs. Henshaw's names and fewer still of Miss Farr's.

Of Mrs. Schaeffer's illustrations nothing but praise can be said or written. If a very few of the colored illustrations are a little "off color" the fault lies in the difficulty of reproducing in color the delicate shades so characteristic of many alpine flowers, and Mrs. Schaeffer's illustrations are much the best the writer knows of in any American work of this kind, and there is not one of them that would not serve to identify immediately the species it is intended to represent. The half-tones are also excellent and the reproduction on the same plate of an inch measure makes it easy to determine the relative height of the plants reproduced. A comparison is naturally suggested between Mrs. Henshaw's book and that of Dr. Brown and Mrs. Schaeffer, but such a comparison cannot be made. Each is excellent in its own way. Some will prefer one and some the other, but the qualities that make both good, and each in some respects better than the other, are so diverse that no one with the smallest interest in or love for flowers can visit the Canadian mountains and afford to be without either. The publication of two such books is of vastly greater significance than may appear to the unthinking. They will serve to advertise our mountains and attract visitors not only from the United States but from Europe, and what the average Canadian may not know is that though transportation companies, hotel-keepers and even the