

All the teachers present, including Professor Macoun, who taught school for many years, felt the force of the difficulties mentioned; the latter declared it to be his conviction that Nature Study would soon be consigned to the limbo of exploded educational fads. Dr. Fletcher was much more optimistic, and believed that the movement would have a permanent effect on the character of the work done in the schools of the future. Mr. J. M. Macoun thought that a competent supervisor of Nature Study should be appointed. Mr. Whyte expressed himself as thinking that the matter of order in a school-room was unnecessarily emphasized. Mr. W. T. Macoun said that if a clear relation was made to the life of the pupil of the various aspects of Nature Study, there would be no lack of interest in the subject.

The very animated discussion was stopped in time to give the gentlemen an opportunity of examining the wonderfully accurate and exceedingly artistic pictures of plants painted by Mr. Norman Criddle in water colors.

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The Botanical Branch met at the residence of Prof. Macoun, Feb. 9th, when all the members but two were present. A proposition to extend the limits of the "Ottawa District" for botanical purposes was discussed and the general opinion was that such an extension would add to the opportunities for work, as some of the Club's members spend the summer near Ottawa but still outside the present limits. Prof. Macoun drew the attention of the members to the very small cost of making a herbarium collection of plants—only \$7 per 1,000 sheets. The mounting paper can be had for \$5 per 1,000 sheets, printed labels may be had for \$1.50 per 1,000, and another \$1 pays for the genus covers.