of daily life, when following their avocations, but can spare a day or part of a day now and again to watch the workings of God in nature, and acquaint themselves with his works. In a comparatively new country, there may be for a time but few who thus care to spend any spare hours they may happen to have; but these few will increase. I seldom meet with a kindred spirit though no doubt such are on the increase; but I feel sure that such an institution as the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club seems to be, is best calculated to produce a sentiment of love for nature, and a yearning for knowledge of those things which are placed within the reach of most of us.

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EXCURSION No. 1.—TO THE CASCADES OF THE GATINEAU.

The first excursion of the season was held on Saturday, June 4th, and was one of the most successful that has ever taken place under the auspices of the Club. Amongst those who availed themselves of this opportunity to visit the beautiful Gatineau Valley were several members of the Club who live at a distance, but who were in Ottawa either attending the meeting of the Royal Society of Canada or the session of Parliament.

A large and happy party of excursionists left the Union Station at 9.45 a.m. by the new Gatineau Valley Railway, and ascended that wild and important tributary of the Ottawa, which rising away in the far north beyond the head waters of the Ottawa itself, flows almost due south from its source and joins the Grand River at right angles to its course a mile below the city. Everything conspired to make the trip pleasant, the weather was simply perfect. Old Sol shed his genial warmth over the fresh spring landscape, the air was clear but there was no rain, a grateful coolness pervaded the broad and beautiful valley up which the railway winds its way. The run from Ottawa to the Cascades was delightful and refreshing. The cars were new and clean, there was no dust, and above all, there were no mosquitoes,and the railway officials were most attentive and courteous. From the time Hull and the Can-