

district, there were noted and obtained by the members of the Geological Section, several interesting rocks of Archæan age.

Principal Pollock, of Aylmer, an ardent student of geology, is about to devote much of his time to the study of petrographical questions in this district, and we hope to have contributions from his pen in the OTTAWA NATURALIST.

Dr. Fletcher was then called upon and spoke at length on the plants and insects of interest which were collected, observed or captured during the day. He also spoke on the birds which were seen. An interesting addition to our local flora was made in *Deschampsia flexuosa*—a species new to the *Flora Ottawaensis*. In his usual happy, entertaining and practical style, Dr. Fletcher interested the large assemblage present, so also did Mr. Andrew Halkett, who spoke on general zoological topics, and Mr. A. E. Atwood, on "Astronomy." The excursion was pronounced by all who were present as an eminently successful and enjoyable one.—H.M.A.

BOOK NOTICE—BOTANY.

"THE PLANT WORLD," Vol I., No. 1, October, 1897, "a monthly journal of popular botany"—published by Willard N. Clute & Co., Binghamton, N.Y., and edited by Dr. F. H. Knowlton, of the U. S. National Museum, Washington, D.C., together with a staff of eminent gentlemen and lady botanists—has just appeared, and affords its readers accurate yet popular notes of great interest. The editorial staff are all enthusiastic and active botanists. The style and dress of this magazine is excellent and the contents of the first number make it most attractive. The magazine is enriched with good illustrations.—H.M.A.

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