

leaders in the several branches of the Club's work entered the woods from the west and spent nearly two hours in collecting and studying plants, insects and birds. The leaders present were: Geology, Mr. W. J. Wilson; Botany, Messrs. J. M. Macoun, A. E. Attwood and S. B. Sinclair, Entomology, Messrs. James Fletcher, C. H. Young and A. Gibson; Ornithology, Prof. John Macoun and Miss Harmer; Zoology, Mr. Andrew Halkett. The number of species of plants in flower was not great and the attention of the majority of those present was devoted to the study of trees and shrubs, and the characters by which they may be identified by the twigs and buds. Several interesting insects were collected and identified.

About five o'clock the entire company gathered near the northeast corner of the wood where a convenient pile of logs afforded comfortable seats for the ladies. The president, Mr. W. T. Macoun, was the first speaker, and described briefly the characters by which the various trees could be identified from their twigs. He was followed by Prof. Macoun who in a characteristic speech impressed upon the students the necessity of a basis of definite knowledge upon which to build in studying Natural History. Each fact as acquired would then naturally fit itself into its proper niche, and as the years went on a vast amount of valuable knowledge would be accumulated. Dr. Sinclair's announcement that Nature Study was to be given a more prominent place in the Public School curriculum was received with applause. He pointed out briefly the advantages of such study and said that public school teachers would now be trained so that they would be equipped with all the knowledge necessary to teach children to understand what they saw and heard when in the woods and fields. Dr. Fletcher was the last speaker, and taking for his text a handful of specimens he described their chief characteristics and uses. The great variety of material collected was not apparent until student after student came forward with some specimen different from what anyone else had seen.

The excursion was one of the most successful and enjoyable ever held under the auspices of the Club.