

EXCURSION TO CHELSEA.

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A successful general excursion of the Club was held on Saturday afternoon, September 6th, when a party of about 150 consisting of the members of the Club, and of students attending the Normal School under the leadership of Dr. Sinclair, went to Gilmour's grove, at Chelsea Rapids and spent a most enjoyable and profitable day. On arriving at the Chelsea station Dr. Fletcher announced what the arrangements for the day were and the whole party then walked down to the island where unnecessary impediments were disposed of and the collecting parties made up. Dr. H. M. Ami took a number of enthusiasts off to examine the rocks and other geological features of the locality. Mr. J. B. Halkett had a numerous following of attentive listeners during the whole afternoon while he pointed out and described the interesting features of the many and various specimens of insects, reptiles, crustaceans, mollusca, and other animals met with. Dr. Fletcher had a large party of botanists and lovers of plants who made large collections and asked many questions which were answered in the field and illustrated by living specimens of plants. At 6 o'clock the addresses were delivered in the open space in the grove near the station and were of much interest. The first address was by Dr. Sinclair who kindly undertook the arrangements for the day and discharged his duties in a gracious and most acceptable manner. Every contingency was provided for and by reason of his forethought it is safe to say that every person who attended this outing enjoyed to the utmost their visit to this beautiful and most interesting spot. Following Dr. Sinclair, and speaking on the most important finds of the day in the different branches of natural history, short addresses were delivered by Messrs Halkett and Fletcher. Dr. Ami had to leave before the lectures, but those who accompanied him during his afternoon ramble were so much pleased with his explanations of the various outcrops that we have followed the suggestion made and asked Dr. Ami to prepare a short note on his observations which is published elsewhere in this issue.