

vicinity of the river the party re-assembled near the Episcopal Church and was addressed by Mr. Fletcher, as the Leader in the Botanical section. He expressed himself as much pleased at seeing the sub-excursion so well attended, and so much interest shown in the specimens collected. He said that the unusually late spring had rendered the quantity of specimens small; but as is always the case for those who will use their eyes, there was far more to be found than could be studied. He spoke enthusiastically of the pleasures to be derived from a study of the floral gems of the woods, the most insignificant of which would form an ample theme for a whole lecture. The most interesting plants collected during the afternoon were then referred to. The history and uses of some were related, and the structure of others was explained. Instructions for collecting and preserving certain plants, such as the willows, claytonias, orchids and other succulent plants were given. It was announced that the Botanical section would hold sub-excursions throughout the season, and that at each a short lecture would be given by one of the leaders. Mr. Ami then explained the formations observed by the geologists at Hog's Back, and the fossils by which they were characterized, after which the party returned to the city.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**EXCURSION.**—The second excursion will be held on Saturday, the 25th June, when a visit will be paid to Aylmer. There are in the neighbourhood of this place very suitable collecting grounds for Botanists, Entomologists, &c., while interesting formations are exposed for the Géologists. The train by which the party will go leaves the station at 1.15 p.m., and the train leaves Aylmer at 8 p.m. Tickets will be 25 cents each.

**SUB-EXCURSIONS.**—The Botanical and Entomological Leaders have arranged for the following Saturday Sub-excursions in June: 4th, to Beaver Meadow, Hull; 11th, to Hemlock Lake, Beechwood; 18th, to Dow's Swamp; starting on each occasion from the Post Office at 2 p.m.

**NEW MEMBERS.**—15, Charles H. Beddoe; 16, C. Henry Grist; 18, Miss Eliza Bolton; 19, George Ha Wilson (Buckingham); 21, Miss Katherine Lee Patterson (New Glasgow, N.S.); 23, Miss L. Rothw

The Montreal Natural History Society holds its at St. Jerome on Saturday, 4th June, and has sent a to be present to any of our members who may be there, or at Ste. Therese *en route*.