

the Teachers' Convention, which was being held in Ottawa during the same week, and at the Royal Society's meeting, were noticed : Prof. A. H. MacKay, Superintendant of Education for Nova Scotia, Halifax ; Dr. G. U. Hay, Supt. of Education for the province of New Brunswick, St. John, N.B. ; Dr. C. F. Hodge, of Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts ; Mr. E. R. Howes, of Bowesville ; Mr. J. W. Gibson, etc.

The weather was all that could be desired and the woods were very green and fresh, filled with treasures from which many a lesson might be learned. At this time of the year the world of Nature seems to unfold its wonders to the eye of the observer in a manner which it cannot do in the more advanced season of summer and later when the fruition comes with its varied stores. There is no time when Nature studies ought to be carried on with more interest and profit than when the buds burst forth and the birds arrive, when there is a revival of life and activity in both the vegetable and animal worlds. In a country like ours, where the seasons are so well marked, there is a special attractiveness to all studies of life in the woods, and in the open glade and mead. The pool with its myriads of forms of animal life, each of which would form a life-study of special interest ; the tree with its unfolding leaf and flower buds ; the humbler plants and shrubs, the mosses, and liverworts, the spreading lichens and mystic fungus life, all yield to the student of Nature their own distinct and special secrets that open the heart and lead to paths of pleasantness. Even the rocks, those hard and cruel things which seem so lifeless and "dour", afford a theme which tells the tale of long ago, when molten lavas, boiling magmas were cooled and formed the crust of Earth upon which now we tread and give to plant and animal life the food and the place upon which both subsist.

The excursion train left the Union Station at 1.30 p. m., carrying some 300 students of Nature ; and, on arriving at the grove, Dr. S. B. Sinclair, the President of the Club, gave out the announcements for the day, pointing out to the members and their friends who the Leaders of the Club were in the different branches of work. Rendezvous was given for 4.30 p.m., when brief addresses were given on the principal objects seen during the day and lessons learned.