

manner, and disclosed the full set of two eggs in a mere depression of dead leaves. It alighted near at hand and remained motionless, thus permitting a sufficient description.

The excursionists assembled to listen to short addresses from the leaders. The president, in answer to a request, made a promise of a field guide to the trees of the district. Mr. Attwood explained his system of recording field notes, and Prof. Macoun emphasized the necessity of written observations.

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#### MACRAE'S CORAL-ROOT (*Corallorhiza striata*, Lindl.).

A beautiful specimen of this widely distributed, but always rare orchid, was found at Renfrew, Ontario, in full flower, on 23rd May last, by Master John Forgie, who has kindly presented it through Mr. W. A. Stickle, the Principal of the Renfrew Model School, to the herbarium of the Central Experimental Farm. It is a very acceptable addition to the collection. This species, though very local and very rare, is widely distributed. I have received specimens from Masset, Q. C. I. (Rev. J. H. Keen); Victoria, B.C. (J. R. Anderson); Aweme, Man. (Norman Criddle); and Ottawa.

J. FLETCHER.

#### A DOUBLE TRILLIUM GRANDIFLORUM.

On the 21st of May last, Miss Edith Courtney showed me a very handsome large double trillium that her father had found at Chelsea. Instead of three white petals, it had some twenty-four, arranged, though without perfect regularity, in six groups of four each, the six outer petals being the largest, the others getting smaller towards the centre. It presented the appearance of a beautiful white rose. Unfortunately, the root was not obtained; otherwise, the attempt might have been made to preserve so lovely a variation by cultivation. Is it not possible, however, that such a variety might be produced by cultivation?

CEPHAS GUILLET.

ERRATUM.—In the June number of THE NATURALIST, on page 55, line 3, instead of "hissing sound," read "kissing sound."