

At 5 o'clock the President, Mr. W. T. Macoun, called the meeting to order and the usual addresses were given. Mr. Macoun spoke shortly of the objects of the club and urged the claims of the club for more general support by all interested in Natural History and Nature Study. He spoke also of some of the trees growing in the locality. Dr. Fletcher spoke of some of the plants collected and gave information about specimens handed in.

Mr. D. A. Campbell spoke of and exhibited some of the insects collected during the afternoon and dealt with the habits of tiger beetles, dragon flies and other insects, also with the methods of collecting, killing and preserving insects.

Dr. S. B. Sinclair spoke of the pleasures to be gained from such meetings as the club gave opportunities for, and at his request the party had the pleasure of hearing the ladies and gentlemen of the Normal School present sing "Sweet and Low," which was done with great taste and was much enjoyed by all.

Mr. Congdon, of Malone, N.Y., on invitation of the President, expressed his pleasure at being a participant in the excursion and of the value of Nature Study to which he had given some attention in his professional work as a teacher. T. E. C.

CONCHOLOGICAL NOTES.

MARGARITANA DELTOIDEA.

Some years ago, while looking over a box of "dead" shells collected in the Rideau Canal above Hartwell's Locks, I was surprised to find among them a single specimen of *Margaritana deltoidea*. Although the species might from its known range be expected to be found in the vicinity of Ottawa, I concluded, as I had not observed it previously, that the specimen must have been placed with the canal shells by the busy but unscientific little hands that occasionally find occupation in my cabinets. I was confirmed in this conclusion by the fact that a search, made under favorable conditions in the locality in which the box was collected, was fruitless so far as this particular species was concerned.

Last summer, however, while trout fishing on the South Branch of the Quyon River, near Thorne Centre in the county of Pontiac, I found a living example—and but one—of this interesting little pearl bearer. It may occur in other places near Ottawa, and is, I am now inclined to think, to be found in the Rideau Canal.