

ance large. No insects were collected and the only flowers seen were *Hepatica triloba* and *H. acutiloba*. The catkins of *Alnus incana* and *Salix discolor* were well developed. One specimen of *Peziza coccinea* was collected. Miss Halkett secured a fine specimen of the Red-bellied Snake (*Storeria occipitomaculata*).

APRIL 29th.—BEECHWOOD.—There was a large attendance at this sub-excursion, many of those present collecting at Beechwood their first spring flowers. Before returning to the city Prof. Macoun delivered an address on the plants found during the afternoon, drawing special attention to the catkin-bearing trees and shrubs. Both species of *Hepatica* were found, *Trilliums* white and red, the Wild Ginger, the large-flowered Bellwort, Blue Cohosh, *Claytonia Caroliniana*, *Dentaria laciniata*, *D. diphylla* and a few others. One of the striking objects collected was the beautiful Scarlet Cup (*Peziza coccinea*). Dr. Fletcher spoke of the few insects seen. These were very few, a single specimen of the Spring Azure (*Lycana neglecta*) and one of the oil beetles (*Meloe niger*), which it was explained laid its eggs on flowers and the larvæ (called triungulins) on hatching remained there until the flowers were visited by a bee when they attached themselves to the latter and were carried by it to its nest where they lived as parasites. Specimens of the Tree Frog (*Hyla versicolor*) and Viscid Salamander (*Plethodon glutinosus*) were found by Mr. A. Halkett.

MAY 6th.—AYLMER.—Over 150 members of the club and their friends attended this excursion. Flowers of several kinds were abundant and the Trailing Arbutus was seen growing for the first time by many who before knew it only by name. The botanical leaders not reaching the place of rendezvous at the specified time Dr. Fletcher was requested to speak on the plants collected. Among the more interesting of those exhibited were *Sanguinaria Canadensis*, *Shepherdia Canadensis*, *Epigæa repens*, *Amelanchier Canadensis*, *Waldsteinia fragarioides*, *Vaccinium Pennsylvanicum*, *Corydalis aurea*, *Antennaria Canadensis* and *Viola Muhlenbergii*. Dr. Fletcher also spoke on insects. Few were collected, the season being still backward. A few species