

out the trees planted twenty years ago by our late friend, Dr. Fletcher, as well as young trees sent last fall by him from British Columbia, namely, of *Larix occidentalis*. Last year at about the same time he had been with us going over the same places and speaking in his usual kindly, animated way. Let us, who knew him, never forget him, and emulate his noble example.

Birds were conspicuous by their absence, which in view of the cold wind was not to be wondered at. In general, the first migrants with the exception of the Crow and Prairie Horned Lark were one to two weeks later than usual this spring. Birds like the Junco, Robin, Bluebird, Red-winged and Bronze Blackbirds and the Song Sparrow did not come this year until the first week in April, instead of March 21st to 23rd. However, a few Robins and Song Sparrows were seen and heard, and while we were in the Arboretum a Flicker was loudly calling and hammering. Beside these only a small flock of Golden-crowned Kinglets and one Brown Creeper were seen. Had there been no wind a great many more species would undoubtedly have been observed.

Humor was also not entirely lacking. While all were inspecting a queer-looking bush, with branches recurved to the ground, *Picea excelsa inverta*, it was found that a hare, our varying species, *Lepus americanus*, had made its home under it. With admirable generalship, Mr. MacMurray, of the farm staff, had the little tree or bush surrounded by the younger element of the party, in order to catch the rabbit, as it was termed, although we have no rabbit here. However, the frightened animal broke through the cordon and, pursued by Mr. MacMurray with flying coat-tails, made good his escape. To duly impress the difference between hare and rabbit for future occasions, our indefatigable President, Mr. Attwood, quickly drew up this set of differences:—

#### The Hare.

Ears longer than head.  
Lives above ground.  
Young born with eyes open.  
Solitary.  
Hind legs longer than head.  
Fur turning white in winter.

#### The Rabbit.

Ears equal in length to head.  
Lives in burrows.  
Young born with eyes closed.  
Gregarious.  
Hind legs not longer than head.  
Fur not turning white.

It was interesting to note the zigzag course of the hare's flight, which proved rather puzzling for Mr. MacMurray and the two dogs accompanying him.

At the close of our walk short addresses were made by Mr. McNeill on the weather which, by reason of the poor brand he had supplied for the day, caused more hilarity or resentment than would otherwise have been the case. He, however, made