

were taken down for reference in note-books, with which the excursionists were provided.

Among the interesting finds were :—*Cypripedium acaule*, belonging to the orchid family ; *Clintonia borealis*, a member of the lily family, besides several forms belonging to the Rose and Pea family. The application of the knowledge of botany to scientific agriculture was well exemplified in the remarks made by Mr. Whyte. Interesting notes were also given on such species as :—*Coptis trifolia*, golden thread ; *Aralia nudicaulis*, *A. quinquefolia* and *A. trifoliata* or Sarsaparilla and Giniseng ; *Cornus Canadensis*, &c.

Dr. James Fletcher then spoke and concluded the series of addresses given by the leaders. He was introduced by the President as the "father of the Club." In his usual happy and bright manner Dr. Fletcher (upon whom the Senate of Queen's University, Kingston, has recently conferred the honour of the doctorate degree) spoke of the humbler kinds of plants, dealing principally with the fungi and filices or ferns. There were many kinds of the former which were edible, and the latter were most beautiful as ornamental plants. The mode of growth and reproduction of these plants were then graphically described and useful hints how to collect, prepare and preserve specimens were also given.

This excursion can be well described as one of the most enjoyable and successful that has been held under the auspices of the Club.—H. M. AMI.

SUB-EXCURSION NO. 1.—On Saturday afternoon, May 9th, the first sub-excursion of the season was held to Rockliffe. There was a large party, consisting chiefly of the Normal School students, and many of them members of Mr. Sinclair's Botany Class. The usual rendezvous, the City Post Office, was left at 2.15 p.m. Mr. James Fletcher, Miss Marion Whyte and Dr. Ami, of the Council, went with the excursionists. The afternoon proved a most satisfactory one, notwithstanding the