

## GENERAL EXCURSION TO CHELSEA.

On Saturday afternoon, September 23rd, the third General Excursion of the season was held at Chelsea. The outing was fairly well attended, many of the Normal School students being present. The President, Dr. Sinclair, was in charge.

On arriving at Chelsea, most of the party went into the grove, and then down to the rapids. Here the water was very low. Large boulders and rocks usually covered, but now bare, formed an interesting study. The other division of the party, under the guidance of Dr. Ami, went up the railroad track, to examine geological conditions, and to see a cutting in which sea-shells were in great abundance. At 4.30 p.m. the party assembled in the beautiful grove contiguous to the railway station. Here short addresses were given by some of the leaders of the Club.

Mr. W. T. Macoun gave a practical talk on the identification of forest trees, showing specimens of the foliage of many kinds, which he had collected during the afternoon. Mr. Shutt drew attention to the fact that the unwise denudation of our forests, if continued, must eventually deprive Canada of one of her most valuable assets, viz. her magnificent water falls. The present reduced condition of the Chelsea rapids was pointed out as an object lesson illustrating this fact.

Dr. Ami gave a brief sketch of the geology of the district and showed some interesting specimens which he had collected. He mentioned that the oldest and the youngest, or newest, rocks which composed the earth's crust, were to be found at Chelsea in immediate contact.

Rev. Mr. Eifrig gave an interesting talk on the migration of birds, instancing in special the migrating habit of our beautiful robin. Mention was also made of many of the common birds of the district, and songs of some of the species were mimicked.

Mr. Halkett showed specimens of spiders, insects, etc. which he had captured during the afternoon, and gave interesting descriptions of some of these. A fine specimen of the large millipede, *Julus canadensis*, was exhibited.

Mr. Clark, the Secretary of the Club, spoke on some of the plants which he had seen during the afternoon, mentioning particularly some of the ferns to be found about Chelsea.

Mr. Cameron, of London, Ont., formerly of the Toronto Globe, in a few well chosen words congratulated the Club on the value and efficiency of its work.

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