

viewing her abstractedly, if learnedly, through books beset with sonorous scientific nomenclature.

Dr. Sinclair, in speaking of the arbutus seen on all sides, referred to the desire expressed from time to time that it be adapted as Canada's floral emblem. Its characteristics of fine fragrance, and beauty combined with hardy endurance, he described as particularly appropriate in a prospective emblem for the Dominion. The idea again presented seemed to win the entire approval of this particular assemblage of Canadians, as it did years ago that of the inhabitants of the Maritime Provinces. These already recognize as their emblem the little flower which bravely pushes aside the winter's snow to free its bloom, and which called forth from the Hon. Joseph Howe a memorable poem as a tribute.

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REVIEW.

MOSSES WITH A HAND-LENS. A NEW NATURE STUDY BOOK. 2ND EDITION INCLUDING THE HEPATICS. By A. J. Grout, Ph.D. 150 pages, 33 full page plates and over 150 cuts in the text. \$1.50 postpaid. Published by the author at 360 Lenox Road, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Such a book as this has long been needed by the amateur botanist. Specialists have more complete and pretentious works to aid them in their studies of mosses and liverworts, but a good non-technical book that will enable beginners to determine the common species of their neighborhood has long been needed. Prof. Grout's book supplies this need. It is non-technical but is written by a specialist. Its use will enable the Nature Study teacher to widely extend the scope of his work as mosses may be found in the woods even during the winter months, and many species lose little in color and general appearance if gathered in the autumn and stored in closet or cellar until wanted for study in the school-room. The descriptions are easily understood even by a beginner, and the illustrations are excellent reproductions of photographs or accurate drawings.