

## NATURE STUDY—No. V.

## SUMMER COURSE AT NORWAY BEACH.

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Norway Beach Park is situated on Norway Bay, an arm of the Ottawa, about forty miles up the river from the capital. During the past two summers, short courses of recreative nature study have been given at the Beach. This sketch is intended as an informal record of a few features of the free-and-easy two weeks' course during last July.

The work was characterized by earnestness without seriousness; it was scientific without being technical; it was practical, yet not exacting. The true, the beautiful, and the good constituted a guiding trinity. Any truth that illustrated the unity of nature, any beauty of form and especially beauty of adaptation that revealed itself, and Nature's lavish bounty in the endless variety of her gifts to man, were emphasized whenever an instance occurred.

With the object of leading the students to appreciate scientific nomenclature, they were asked to submit from time to time specimens of plants whose popular names are misleading. The response to this request is indicated by the following list, in which the unscientific part of each name is italicized: sweet *fern*, reindeer *moss*, prince's *pine*, club *moss*, *Canada* thistle, mountain *ash*, and evening *primrose*. In this connection it is surely pardonable to remark that knot *grass* is not grass.

The boys and girls who attended, were requested to remember the scientific name when easy and etymologically suitable. In a review a boy was asked to name the genus to which the clovers belong. There was no reply. "Try," prompted a clergyman encouragingly. "*Trifolium*," was the immediate response.

"Do you know the classical name for the maple?" "Ay, sir." "Give it please." "*Acer*."

In his opening address the leader expressed the opinion that it would be possible to find five species of maple in the locality and he offered to compete with the rest of the school in finding them. One young woman submitted a spray of the Maple-leaved Viburnum. Her attention was directed to its fruit, and thus she was