

view of the surrounding country. The outlook from the windows should often give fresh inspiration to both teachers and pupils, when their tasks threaten to become wearisome. The gardens which are a part of the Carp school, showed no signs of life as yet, but were only waiting for the advancing season to complete the work of the youthful horticulturists.

Inside the building were many evidences that the study of nature was not neglected. Among other things were noticed a display of colored prints of birds, and an arrangement of glass, in which the development of butterflies and moths, from their earlier stages could be conveniently observed.

After those who had not had luncheon had satisfied the inner man from their own baskets in the school rooms, or had availed themselves of the resources of the village, the party proceeded to a grove that was not far distant, and there separated under the different leaders. The geological division climbed the Laurentian rocks, a rather trying exertion in the hot sun, but there were clusters of fresh green ferns growing in the crevices of the rocks, and other beauties to cheer them on their way, and, at the top, the surprise of green pools of water with the little sweet-scented white violets growing on their margins well repaid even those who were quite ignorant of matters scientific for their labors. It is true these same charming pools produced numerous mosquitoes, an evil which, there being no remedy for it, each of the excursionists endured with all the patience he or she could command.

In the course of the afternoon the uncertain weather changed to the certainty of a brief thunder storm, which was not an altogether uninteresting episode, although it curtailed the explorations of the more timorous spirits. The addresses, when the party reassembled, were given in front of the school house, and afterwards hot tea was served in the building.

After a few remarks by the President, Mr. Attwood, Mr. T. E. Clarke was first called on to speak of the botanical specimens collected. The botanical field at Carp, while not extensive is quite varied. Close to the village, as above mentioned, there is a grove where the typical plants of rich woodlands are to be found. To the left is a low flat, through which the Carp river flows, while at some distance to the right are two rocky ridges, more or less wooded. Of the rarer plants collected, *Polygala paucifolia* was found in the open woods on the sandy hill just beyond the school garden, and *Trillium erythrocarpum* on lower ground. The Blood-root, *Sanguinaria canadensis* was observed in flower in great numbers. Unfortunately the rain prevented an examination of the ridges, where some interesting species were obtained on the occasion of a former excursion.