

per, for instance, is at once pronounced to be an Orchid; the Pitcher-Plant is immediately identified by its leaves; the Water-Crowfoot is only a white Buttercup; the few Composites in bloom at this season are referred at once to the proper family; and so with a number of others. But there are some which cannot be disposed of in this off-hand manner, and for these our "Flora" must be consulted. For convenience, it is arranged that one person shall read aloud from the Manual, while the others, with specimens in hand, listen to the descriptions, and assent or dissent, as these correspond to the characters exhibited by the plant under examination, or the reverse, until finally its true place and name are revealed. These having been duly noted down, along with the date of collection, and the locality, other specimens are taken up in the same way; and though it is found impossible to overtake all the plants that have been gathered, yet considerable headway is made, and even the dullest (for our class, not being an ideal one, contains dull as well as clever pupils)

feel a certain degree of confidence in their ability to do a little botanical work on their own account.

The work of determination is not prolonged to weariness, and soon after three o'clock preparations are made to return home. The fatigue of the morning's walk has completely disappeared, and the youthful mind, released from the mental strain to which it has been subjected, unbends, and with that singular fertility of resource which causes the average juvenile to be at once the envy and the terror of his elders, immediately advances a host of topics for discussion, quite foreign to the object of the day's proceedings. Botany is for the present laid aside, and it ceases to be a matter of any consequence whatever, whether stamens are hypogynous or otherwise, or what may be the relation of the calyx to the ovary. With pleasant conversation the homeward way is beguiled, and as we separate, a hope, which is believed to be genuine, is expressed that ere long we may meet again for another Field Day.

SCHOOL WORK.

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EAST MIDDLESEX PROMOTION EXAMINATION.

NOVEMBER, 1883.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD CLASSES.

Wednesday, 21st November.

A.M.—Grammar, Class III.

P.M.—Spelling and Composition, Class II.

P.M.—Composition and Spelling, Class III.

Thursday, 22nd November.

A.M.—Arithmetic, Classes II. and III.

P.M.—Drawing, Hygiene and Temperance, Class III.

Friday, 23rd November.

A.M.—Geography, Class III.

Reading and Writing, Classes II. and III.,

at the time the teacher finds most convenient, according to circumstances.

Pupils should be seated so as to make copying impossible.

Those making 50 per cent. on the total and 20 per cent. on every subject are eligible for promotion.

Tabulate the results and keep a copy. Please mail a copy of the results to the Inspector. Teachers are strongly recommended to meet in twos or threes, as convenient, to read the answers. It has been found beneficial to send a complete tabulated statement of the examination to every parent. Teachers who have not a lithogram can get the children to make copies of the table.

The promotion to the Fifth Class will be the H. S. Entrance Examination, to be held