

ideal afternoon for vigorous exploration or for more leisurely sauntering, and the bright sun and clear sky formed a pleasant contrast to the gloom and dampness of the Wakefield excursion last year. The afternoon passed rapidly and pleasantly in profitable investigations of the surrounding region, and in enjoyment of the many beauties of this wild and romantic stretch of the dark, turbulent river. At 6 p.m. as previously arranged, the party reassembled at the station to hear the Leaders explain and discuss the collections of the day, or refer briefly to special features of interest in connection with the neighborhood or the several branches of investigation. Mr. Shutt, after congratulating the members and their friends upon the profitable and delightful character of the excursion, called attention to the fact that the Club was honored by the presence of Dr. Scudder, of Cambridge, U.S., Prof. Fowler, of Kingston, and Dr. McKay, of Halifax, and that these eminent gentlemen would kindly say a few words to the assembly when the Leaders had delivered their five-minute addresses. Mr. Cowley rose first as Botanical Leader and pleasantly discussed some of the plants collected, including those belonging to the lily and orchid families. He was followed by Mr. Whyte who spoke especially of the representatives of the great rose family, pointing out how unusually early the various species had flowered this season, and what favorable indications there were for a large and early fruit crop. Prof. Fowler spoke in forcible terms of the way in which he had been impressed by the romantic and beautiful scenery, and of the great pleasure which such views of rugged hills and broken river afford to one whose time is mostly passed amid the more peaceful landscapes of a level country. Mr. Fletcher briefly stated the pleasure and advantage to be obtained from the study of his favorite butterflies, and outlined in a very interesting manner the life of these beautiful "flowers of the air." Dr. Scudder's brief speech included some humorous remarks on the methods of investigation pursued by the friendly mosquito, of which he had noted three species during the very enjoyable afternoon. Dr. Ami referred briefly to a deposit of Saxicava sands which occurred not far up the railway track, containing various marine shells, and proving that in past ages the ocean surf had thundered against the rocks of these