

How often a few fleecy floating patches of cirro-cumulus in a clear blue sky form a scene that can only be compared to the view from some high cliff out upon an island-dotted sea ; or a lofty cumulus raising his head high above his fellows, frowns down in a awful darkness, or shines resplendent in the setting sun !

The successive variations of the clouds, the grand and imposing as well as their beautiful and graceful aspects, present a field for contemplation and admiration too varied, too grand, and too sublime to fail to arouse the enthusiasm of the most prosaic observer and to implant in him a true love of nature.

In the words of Shelley, the cloud seems to say :

"I bring fresh showers for the thirsty flowers,
From the seas and the streams ;
I bear light shade for the leaves when laid
In their noon-day dreams,
From my wings are shaken the dews that waken
The sweet buds every one,
When rocked to rest on their mother's breast,
As she dances about the sun,
I wield the flail of the lashing hail,
And whiten the green plains under ;
And then again I dissolve it in rain
And laugh as I pass in thunder.

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NOTES, REVIEWS AND COMMENTS.

WHITEAVES, J. F.—"*Canadian Stromatoporoids*." Can. Rec. Science, Vol. VII, pp. 129-146, July, 1896.

The following species are herein recorded :

ORDOVICIAN SPECIES.

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| 1. <i>Clathrodictyon variolare</i> , Rosen sp. | 3. <i>Labechia Huronensis</i> , Billings, sp. |
| 2. <i>Labechia Canadensis</i> , Nicholson and Murie. | 4. <i>Beatricea nodulosa</i> , Billings. |
| | 5. " <i>undulata</i> , Billings. |

SILURIAN SPECIES.

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| 6. <i>Actinostroma matutinum</i> , Nicholson. | 11. <i>Stromatopora Galtensis</i> , Dawson sp. |
| 7. <i>Clathrodictyon vesiculosum</i> , Nich. and Murie. | 12. " " <i>constellata</i> , Spencer sp. |
| | 13. " " <i>Hudsonica</i> , Dawson sp. |