

Mr. Henry M. Ami then followed, giving a general sketch of the geological formations which would be likely to be met with by boring at this locality, as also along the line of the Canada Atlantic Railway. The approximate thickness of various formations was given, and valuable data for those who might wish to bore for gas. Mr. Ami pointed out that in strata of precisely the same age as along the line of this railway between Ottawa and Eastman's, gas had been struck with a considerable pressure, such as would be of great value for manufacturing and other purposes.

As the time for the train was approaching, after the above addresses, it was thought best to move to the station and have Mr. Robert Whyte's address on the botanical treasures there. Accordingly, upon reaching the station the party re-assembled around the President and listened to an eloquent address upon the plants collected. Mr. Whyte spoke of his subject only as those can who love it and understand it thoroughly. All listened intently as he took each plant in its turn and explained its points of interest. Amongst the plants specially treated of were some rare and local orchids. *Habenaria blephariglottis*, Hook, the beautiful White Fringed Orchis, which had been found in some profusion, was shown, as well as *Calopogon pulchellus*, the Beautiful Bearded Orchis. All too soon the whistle of the train put a stop to his agreeable disquisition.

The city was reached in good time after a most enjoyable and profitable day's outing, the naturalists bringing home with them many treasures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

EXCURSION No. 4 FOR AUGUST.—The next excursion will be to the Victoria Sulphur Spring, Montreal Road, on Saturday, the 18th. The vans will leave the Post Office at 1.30 p.m., and it is hoped to reach the city again by 7 o'clock. Tickets, members, 25c.; non-members, 30c.; children, 15c.

SUB-EXCURSIONS.—It has been decided to hold no sub-excursions during the month of August.

CENTRAL CANADA EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION.

The attention of the members is called to the prize list issued by the above association. Every effort is being made to render the exhibition, which is to be held here from Sept. 24th to 29th, a success. The club has been particularly requested to make exhibits of natural history objects. It is to be hoped that exhibits may be made by us in all the classes, as this will show better than anything else the activity of our members. A liberal appropriation has been made for prizes in this department.