

August *Naturalist* it will not be necessary to repeat it here, but I would strongly advise any one wishing to see the farm under the best auspices to go with the club on our next visit. The only important innovation attempted in the mode of conducting these sub-excursions during the past summer was, in addition to the usual talk on the plants collected, the giving of a simple lecture on some one of the botanical families, explaining the distinguishing features of the family, and in what it differed from allied families, drawing attention to the members of it that were of most value and interest to man. I am sorry that the plan was not carried out as thoroughly as I would have liked, the irregularity of our excursions and frequent absence from the city of the botanical leaders interfering very materially with the success of the scheme, but I am quite satisfied, from our short experience this year, that if properly conducted it would prove a most instructive and attractive feature of our afternoon outings, and I would most strongly commend the idea to the favourable consideration of the leaders for next season.

Our little magazine has been published with more or less regularity during the past season. If any of you thought that it sometimes appeared rather late in the month I would beg of you to make allowance for the difficulties our publishing committee have had to contend with; the absence of our editor for two months, the assumption of his duties by the other members of the committee and the moving of our printers led to delays which were quite unavoidable. In addition to the usual reports and papers read at our soirees, reports of excursions, &c., it contains four instalments of Mr. Fletcher's revised *Flora Ottawensis*, a work of very great value to every botanical student. As originally published in 1880 it was merely a list of all flowering plants and ferns found here, but as revised it gives the usual habitat and special localities for the rarer plants, the time of flowering, and in many cases the points of difference between allied species, making it immensely more valuable than as first printed. I need hardly say that all this must have entailed a great deal of labour on Mr. Fletcher, and, though I am sure a labour of love, must have been a severe tax on the time of such a busy man as we know him to be, and he deserves the thanks of the club and of every botanical student in the country.