

kindly thrown open to the excursionists on that occasion, as also on a previous one (1881), the diversity of the soil and region, afforded quite a diversity of flora, as well as of fauna.

For example, *Cypripedium parviflorum*, *Habenaria dilatata*? *Arisæma triphyllum*, *Gaultheria procumbens*, *Linnæa borealis*, *Thuja occidentalis*, *Impatiens fulva*, *Oxalis Acetosella*, *Good-yera pubescens*, *Pyrola elliptica*, *Thalictrum Cornuti* and other plants were noticed in the low-lying grounds, between the "manor" and the Canadian Pacific Railway track, whilst such species as *Comandra umbellata*, *Saxifraga Virginensis*, *Prunus Pennsylvanica*, *Vaccinium vacillans*, *Asclepias Cornuti*, *Quercus rubra*, *Adiantum pedatum*, *Aquilegia Canadensis* and *Rubus odoratus* occupied the higher and dryer levels along the hill slopes and tops. It was a delight to meet with *Cypripedium acaule* in such numbers as were noted along the bluff of micaceous gneiss, close to the R. R. track, associated with *Chimaphila umbellata*, *Rubus villosus*, *Prunus Pennsylvanica*. The beautiful little "blue-eyed grass"—*Sisyrinchium mucronatum*, noted for the rapidity with which it ripens or produces its fruit—was also observed in large numbers; this species is found skirting the edge of the Laurentides from north of Montreal westward to Ottawa and farther west. Besides the above, *Polygala paucifolia*, *Lathyrus ochroleucus*, *Geum rivale*, *Dirca palustris*, *Lycopus Virginicus*, *Cypripedium parviflorum*, *Symphoricarpos racemosus*, var. *pauciflorus* are amongst those species which are of usual occurrence, and of general interest along the Ottawa valley.

A few plants have escaped cultivation and are spreading, viz.:—*Arabis hesperidoides*, *Allium Schœnoprasmum* and *Convallaria majalis*.¹

In order to ascertain in general, what the flora of the grounds surrounding the "manor" was—a list of the species was made on the spot, subsequently systematized, and hereto appended:—

¹ Vide Trans. Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club, No. 3, 1882, p. 23.