

## EXCURSIONS.

The sub-excursion of the Club to Beaver Meadow on May 16th. under the direction of Vice-President Halkett, proved a decided success and although the attendance was not as large as might have been expected, this did not affect the enthusiasm of those present. With the object of seeing and learning about nature everyone was keenly on the alert for any natural object from the tiniest insect to the largest fossilized rock.

After a delightful walk through the woods on the banks of the west side of the meadow, the different groups with their leaders assembled on a beautiful piece of turf near the Aylmer Road where short addresses were given about the different objects seen or collected during the afternoon.

Mr. N. Criddle being first called upon, expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity of meeting the members in the field, and in the absence of the leaders of the Ornithological Branch undertook to make a few remarks upon some of the birds observed. Special mention was made of the Baltimore Oriole, White-crowned Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Oven-bird, Cat-bird, Brown Creeper, and Wilson's Thrush.

Mr. T. E. Clark followed and described in general terms the characteristic flora of the places visited, and identified with brief running comments the different species collected.

The plants in full flower were, *Hepatica tribola* and *H. acutiloba*, *Trillium erectum* and *T. grandiflorum*, Dog's-tooth Violet, Bishop's Cap, Wild Ginger, Blue Gohosh, Indian Turnip and a few others. Some plants collected in bud only, were the Smaller Bellwort, Twisted Stalk, Small Solomon's Seal and Wild Columbine.

Dr. Blackader drew attention to some of the features that made Beaver Meadow the most beautiful locality from a Naturalist's point of view in the Ottawa district. He also gave a practical talk on the typical trees of the locality, many species of which could be seen from the place where the excursionists had assembled.

Across the road in the little cemetery Dr. Blackader pointed out all the local species of elm—the American, or White, the Cork, or Rock, and the Red, or Slippery.

Mr. Lemieux described in an interesting manner the things he had met with and exhibited a little red Salamander. Speaking to the younger people present he advocated the advantage of making notes on the different things discussed, thereby gaining valuable information and interesting reading for the winter months.