

in company with Mr. J. M. Dickson, he had collected in that district. The inner circle of the perianth was beautifully striped with green, and in some of the specimens almost as deeply green as was the outer circle. The foliage leaves were distinctly petioled, in some cases the stem being fully 3 inches in length. It was suggested that the variations might be due to some fungous disease. Dr. Fletcher mentioned several plants of which the whole habit changed when they were attacked by fungous diseases, for instance, some Euphorbias, Portulacca, Amaranthus, Capsella, etc.; but did not think this sport was of the same nature. He had several plants of the Trilliums which had been under cultivation for 5 or 6 years, one of which had been figured in THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. The greening of the petals varied in extent year by year but had so far persisted, although showing a tendency to disappear. The lengthening of the petioles seemed to correspond to some extent with the amount of green on the perianth. This form occurs in several localities in western Ontario, but is abundant only in certain woods.

The remainder of the evening was spent in discussing the question: "What is Nature Study?" The general conclusion seemed to be about the same as that of C. B. Scott, who, in his "Nature Study and the Child," devotes an entire chapter in answer to the question. It is, he says, "*Nature, studied, in its relations, by the child, from the child's standpoint, by the teacher, with the children.*"

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#### VIOLA LANCEOLATA, L.

An interesting addition to the Ottawa flora has been reported by Miss Katherine Lee in the shape of the pretty little white-flowered Lance leaved Violet (*V. lanceolata*), which was collected in flower May 25th by Miss Fanny Wright, close to the water on the sandy shore of the island in Fitzroy Harbour, Ont., near the Chats Falls on the Ottawa. This is the first time this plant has been found in the Ottawa district. It should be recorded on the floral distribution maps of the Ottawa district as in the Ontario Area West.