

day's programme generally, the excursionists dispersed in small parties, some to make collections and others to enjoy themselves in various ways. They most of them ultimately reached the summit of Belceil mountain, where lunch was partaken of, after which the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael delivered a short address, in the course of which he alluded to the peculiar associations of the spot connected with the cross which was erected in 1841 by Bishop Forbin Jansen of Nancy, and to the interesting fact that on that occasion about ten thousand people assembled on the shores of the lake, and that the bishop entered a boat and from the waters of the lake preached a sermon to them. Dr. Edwards also made a few remarks, chiefly referring to the former excursion of the society in 1869, and calling attention to the address made by Sir William Dawson on that occasion, relating to the geology of the region.

The party returned to the hotel at three o'clock where they were provided with a hot lunch, after which the collections were examined and the prizes awarded. Dr. Hunt briefly addressed the party with reference to the peculiar geological features of the region. The mountain, he said, is of volcanic origin. It and its companion mountains were, so to speak, the roots of volcanoes that had been formed in a very early geological age. The mountains being of harder material than the strata which surrounded and covered them, resisted the action of the eroding agencies that levelled the plain and remained like bosses on its surface after the softer rocks had been worn and washed away. Their precise age could not be ascertained, but they were formed before there were any air breathing animals on the surface of the earth. By the slow and modifying action of the elements the beautiful region seen from the mountain's top was prepared for the habitation of man, who at last appeared upon the scene to enter into possession.

The prizes were awarded as follows:—

Named plants—1, Miss Van Horne.

Unnamed plants—1, Miss O. G. Ritchie; 2, Miss Burland.

Unnamed insects—1, Mr. R. C. Holden; 2, Miss Maud Brewster.