

of the outing, and invited anyone present who wished for information to ask questions, when they would be answered by the Leaders. In reply to a question, Dr. Fletcher pointed out the botanical differences between the Blue Beech (*Carpinus Caroliniana*, Walt.), and its near relative the Iron-wood or Hop Hornbeam (*Ostrya Virginiana* [Mill.] Willd.). He then referred to some of the specimens collected during the afternoon, and drew attention specially to the Trailing Arbutus, which was shown with its fully formed flower buds, even then ready to expand and give forth their delicious perfume with the first warm breath of next spring. He spoke also of some of the common reptiles, and gave interesting facts about their useful lives, illustrating his remarks at the same time by showing some fine living specimens of Pickering's Tree Toad and the Leopard Frog. While pointing out the beauties of a large specimen of the latter, and the value of his livery of gold, bronze, black, and green for protective purposes, the frog, apparently not relishing the notoriety he was getting, or in an excess of modest confusion when the eyes of about thirty young ladies were directed towards his points of beauty, sprang wildly forth from the demonstrator's hands in an effort to escape. He was, however, soon captured by one of the active young ladies and brought back again to be further studied. When finished with, he was given his liberty, and showed his appreciation by quickly disappearing into the grass. Before closing, Dr. Fletcher spoke of the advantages to be derived from such outings as we were then enjoying, and the special value of our club to all lovers of nature, claiming that it was not organized nor conducted for scientific students only, but provided an easy road with a wide-open door, inviting and encouraging all those who wanted to know more about nature and the common objects about them, to come in and learn more. They would thus become happier men and women, and more useful citizens.

A large proportion of the excursionists consisted of Normal School students, and among others who were present were the First Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Club, and Dr. J. F. Whiteaves, Leader in Conchology, who during the afternoon kindly pointed out many things of interest in the rocks,