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Editorial

Mr. Editor—With the hope that the Bobbed Hair Subscriber has been satisfactorily disposed of, may I be permitted to draw your attention for a few minutes from your type machine and the world of men's activities and material interests, to the charms of nature which abound near our city.

With some friends, lovers of nature, with whom I share a kindred feeling, a trip was made recently into the country. Words fail me to adequately describe the joy and pleasure and profit of such a ramble at this season of the year, and I must say that to get all the joy out of such a trip, the auto or other conveyance must be left at home. Having crossed the South Branch of the Thames by way of Adelaide St. Bridge, we soon found ourselves on the edge of a vast meadow, the boundaries of which were lost to view by the rolling nature of the ground. As the gentle breeze and mellow rays of the sun seemed to welcome us, a deep sigh escaped the lips of one of our party, accompanied with the words, Now we are away from miserable humanity and nearest to God.

Reaching the top of the nearest hill I was overcome with a feeling of my younger days, and at once challenged one of our party to race with me to the valley below, which was eagerly accepted, and such a frolic it was. Then up again and in a short time we were overlooking a beautiful valley, covered from our feet to the base of the distant hills with a luscious growth of velvety grass, dotted here and there with beautiful small shrubs and the vivid yellowish green of the "Skunk's Cabbage." I wish I knew the botanical name of this beautiful plant. As we advanced to a lower level we found a little brook dancing on its way somewhere, which added charm to the landscape, but the beauty of the picture which lay before us defies description.

As the meadow swept away to the foot of the hills to be lost in a maze of delicate dwarf shrubbery, delicately colored by the new buds of fresh green, bronze and gold, and here and there a dash of vividly yellow buttercups and a little further up the side of the hill, where the growth was densest and where a wild cherry or haw tree in full bloom gave a decided highlight to the scene, and through the azure blue atmosphere could be seen a thin line which threaded its way through the feathery branches in-

dicating the top. Into all this beauty we plunged and with some difficulty soon found ourselves on an elevation from which came into view a silvery sheet of water which it might be said was one of Mother Earth's eyes with eyelashes all around it.

The squirrels and rabbits were interesting, but the birds in song were our constant companions. By this time we each had plucked a bouquet of wild flowers, many of which were unknown to us by name, and as we rambled down over this carpet of flowers it was our good fortune to meet one than whom we know no better authority on wild birds and flowers in the person of Mr. W. E. Saunders and a party of friends. In his genial, good-natured way he at once asked me what I had there? referring to the flowers, to which I replied that I did not know, and he proceeded to name and describe each variety. That says he, is "Trillium Grandiflorum (Waberoberin) and that is Erythronium Americanum (yellow Dogtooth Violet) and that is Claytonia Virginica (Spring Beauty), and that is Dicentra (Squirrel Corn)." I said that I believed every word he said and thanked him.

At this point we turned homeward and from the hilltop had a bird's-eye view of our city lying in the beautiful valley of the Thames.

Then to my home and on my knees in humble thankfulness to my God, the God of the universe who has seen fit to bless me with eyes to see, a nature to enjoy and a consciousness of His wonderful kindness to provide these great pleasures in which we may revel, if we will, at leisure.

—THE PIKER

HALIFAX, N.S.

Reception to Students.

Last Thursday evening a grand reception was given to Dr. L. R. Winter and Dr. Ross Rayden, who were graduated at the convocation at Dalhousie University last Tuesday. The reception was given under the auspices of the Lyric Orchestra members, of which Mr. Charles Allison is director. The program consisted of speeches from leading citizens, songs and selections from the orchestra. Mr. J. A. R. Kinney, manager-sec'y of the N.S. Children's Home acted as Chairman. A large number were present, and after refreshments an hour or two was spent in dancing. The evening came to a close with everybody singing.

Dr. Winter expects to return to his home in Jamaica, B.W.I. and Dr. Hayden, who is also from Jamaica is planning a trip to New York and may go to London England for a post-graduate course.

The best wishes of the people go with the young physicians who have won the affection and esteem of those with whom they came in contact during their stay in Halifax.

Mr. J. E. Griffith is counsel defending Duncan Gammon for the murder of his war time bride.

ST. CATHARINES

The Brotherhood held a very lively debate last Monday evening on "Which has been the most influence in the world, man or woman?"

Mr. Stowe, of Toronto, played a flying visit to St. Catharines.

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