

SUB-EXCURSIONS.

SUB-EXCURSION NO. 1.—TO ROCKCLIFFE.

The club began its field work this season on May 14, when a party of about forty members and their friends took the electric cars to New Edinburgh and examined the woods lying round Hemlock Lake. Leading the Geological branch were Dr. H. M. Ami and the Hon. Pascal Poirier. Mr. R. B. Whyte lead the Botanists, and Mr. Kingston the Ornithologists.

The weather was exquisite and the woods, although the buds of the trees had not yet expanded, were ablaze with lovely spring flowers. The wistful *Hepaticas* peeped out from behind rocky points on Rockcliffe, and the modest Spring Beauty brightened the deeper shades of the groves. The Adder's-tongue Lily and Trilliums, red and white, held their heads erect in the welcome sun-light. Violets coy and the too-retiring Wood Daffodil or Bell-flower, together with the Wood Mignonette (*Tiarella*) and stalwart Blue Cohosh, as well as many other woodland beauties, all opened wide their blossoms to welcome their admirers. The soft downy twin leaves of the Wild Ginger with their single handsome purplish flower, were found by those who sought vigilantly for this attractive plant, and *Daphne Mezereum*, which has become established in the woods, probably from seeds dropped by birds, added a peculiar charm to the shrubbery with its bright pink blossoms. The beauties of all these were pointed out by Mr. Whyte, and their structure and classification explained.

Mr. Kingston spoke of the birds seen or heard, and announced to his audience the arrival of the latest summer visitors.

Dr. Ami spoke on the rocks and fossils collected, pointing out their age and also the nature and origin of Hemlock Lake and the surrounding district.

SUB-EXCURSION NO. 2.—TO THE BEAVER MEADOW, HULL.

A small party of about a dozen members visited the Beaver Meadow, Hull, under the leadership of Dr. Ami and Mr. T. J. MacLaughlin, on 21st May. Amongst the plants collected *Orchis spectabilis* and *Camptosorus rhizophyllus*, the Walking Fern, were the most interesting. Although the day was propitious, not many insects of rarity were secured.