

He refers to the discontent of human nature, and continues, alluding to man :—"He is apt to compare himself to the plant, and to repine at the difference. He observes the pride of our forests, shedding his leaves in the autumn ; and sees them renovated in the spring, and going on re-clothing and flourishing through ages, while he, surveying his decayed and nerveless limbs, sighs out in despair :—"There is no returning spring for me !'The plant is annually renovated, while the lord of the earth, with all his towering faculties, withers and sinks. But this is judgment by sense and sight alone.

Believe the muse : the wintry blast of death
 Kills not the buds of virtue ; no, they spread
 Beneath the heavenly beam of brighter suns,
 Thro' endless ages, into higher flowers.'"

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 EXCURSION TO KINGSMERE.

The first general excursion of the season was held on May 18th. The opportunity it afforded for a day's outing was taken advantage of by about one hundred and forty of the members and their friends, thus making it the most largely attended excursion ever held by the club. King's Mountain, the highest of the Laurentian Hills in this neighborhood, was the objective point, and the route lay along what is known as the "lower road," which leads through one of the most picturesque stretches of country in this vicinity. Fairy Lake, lying to the south of the road, is aptly named, for it is a most beautiful and dainty little sheet of water, fringed with trees, and nestling snugly among the surrounding hills. Further west the road skirts the base of a bold jutting spur of the mountains, while stretching away towards Aylmer, lies a broad flat plain of excellent farming land, dotted with well kept and prosperous-looking homesteads. All along the road the air was heavy with the perfume of lilacs and late apple blossoms, and the Bobolinks hovering over the luxuriant green meadows made the air ring with their liquid musical notes, whilst butterflies of varied hues added further brilliance to the sun-lit landscape. With such sights and sounds to divert their attention, the excursionists hardly realized that it was "ninety in the shade," and enjoyed the drive in spite of the heat, but,