

## EXCURSIONS.

APRIL 27TH.—The first excursion of the season under the auspices of the Club was held at Beechwood. About eighty members were present. Under the leadership of Dr. Bell, the president of the Club, and Dr. Ami, those interested in Geology examined the excavations for the main sewer, where 15 species of fossils were collected. Col. White and Dr. Fletcher took charge of those who wished to study birds, plants and insects. Twenty-three species of plants were found in bloom.

MAY 4TH.—The excursion to Britannia was more largely attended than that held at Beechwood a week before, a large number of Normal School students being present. The majority of those who took part in the excursion were interested in Botany, and under the leadership of Dr. Fletcher, Dr. Guillet and Mr. Putnam the woods and fields about Britannia were thoroughly examined. *Petasites palmata*, a rare plant in this vicinity, was collected by Miss Matthews. The geologists, under the leadership of Dr. Ami, studied the rocks of the vicinity securing many interesting specimens. A full report of the geological work done at these excursions will be published later.

SWEET COLTSFOOT.—A few years ago *Petasites palmata* grew at the old race-course south of Patterson's Creek on Bank street, but the draining of the Glebe lots and the partial clearing of "Stewart's Bush" have caused its extinction. It has always been rare in this vicinity, but has been noted in two widely separated localities this spring. By Miss Matthews near Britannia, as recorded in the report of the sub-excursion published in this number of THE NATURALIST, and by the Hon. F. R. Latchford beside a road leading through a swamp from near Mountain View in Hull to what is known as "The Hollow Road." Mr. Latchford's specimens and his diagram showing the exact locality at which the plants were found are in the Herbarium of the Geological Survey. He reports the plant as occurring in considerable numbers were found.

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