

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL FIELD MEETING OF THE VERMONT BOTANICAL CLUB was held at Fairhaven, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 9, 10 and 11, 1914. Headquarters were at Hotel Allen which sets an unexcelled table. Thursday forenoon was spent near the village on some of the hills of slate rock and at a small place owned by Mr. Ellis, one of the members, who is trying out a great many plants of economic value — fruits, nuts, berries, etc., some of which were the black walnut, fig, olive, a *Physalis* which makes a delicious preserve sampled by the Club, an *Amelanchier* with specially fine fruit, various garden herbs, etc.

The afternoon was spent in a cedar swamp, where, besides the usual plants of such places, the swamp valerian, *Valeriana uliginosa*, and some hybrid ferns were found. *Calypso borealis*, however, was sought in vain.

Friday was spent at West Haven about the ponds and cliffs of that region. At the ponds were found, among other things, the water star-grass *Heteranthera dubia* and on the cliffs grew luxuriant specimens of the purple cliff brake, *Pellaea atropurpurea*, the slender cliff brake, *Cryptogramma Stelleri*, the wall rue spleenwort, *Asplenium Ruta-muraria* and the maiden-hair spleenwort, *Asplenium Trichomanes*. Special attention was paid to the blackberries on all the trips.

Carver's Falls on the Poultney River was to have been the objective point Saturday morning but lack of water owing to drought and a new dam made conditions unfavorable and instead several of the members took a side trip to Lake Bomoseen on their way back to Rutland.

There was a very good attendance — thirty members being present. The weather was perfect and the meeting proved both instructive and enjoyable.— NELLIE F. FLYNN, Burlington, Vermont.

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<sup>1</sup> The Cambridge British Flora by C. E. Moss, D. Sc., F. L. S. assisted by specialists in certain genera. Illustrated from drawings by E. W. Hunnybun. Vol. II. *Salicaceae* to *Chenopodiaceae*, small folio, pp. xx + 206, with text-maps and 206 plates. Cambridge (England) and New York; The Macmillan Co. 1914. \$12.50 net.



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