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## FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB OF VICTORIA.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Club was held in the Royal Society's Hall on Monday evening, 14th September, 1903. The president, Mr. O. A. Sayce, occupied the chair, and about 100 members and friends were present.

### REPORTS.

A report of the Club excursion to Greensborough on Saturday, 15th August, was read by the leader, Mr. G. Coghill, who stated that over twenty members and friends attended. The main object of the visit was to see the Silver Wattles, *Acacia dealbata*, in bloom, and members were not disappointed, for many lovely specimens were seen along the banks of the Plenty River. Masses of *Clematis microphylla*, in full bloom, festooned the smaller shrubs, &c., and added beauty to the scene. The Mistletoe, *Loranthus pendulus*, was found in bloom on many of the gum-trees, and closer examination disclosed several seeds just germinating on the branches of the trees. Though the district is not a particularly good one from a botanist's point of view, still several interesting species of plants were met with, among which may be mentioned *Grevillea rosmarinifolia*, somewhat rare on the rocky banks of the river; *Hovea heterophylla*, *Styphelia serrulata*, *Veronica calycina*, and *Aster stellulatus*. The fern, *Woodwardia caudata*, was also obtained.

A report of the excursion to Cheltenham on Saturday, 29th August, was given by Mr. G. Weindorfer, who acted as leader of the botanical section. He stated that, being early in the season, only about twenty species were obtained in bloom. Of these, *Euphrasia brownii*, *Acacia oxycedrus*, and *Sprengelia incarnata* were in the most perfect condition. The country was very swampy, and prevented much investigation. Mr. J. Stickland reported that the pond-life section of the party obtained a fair variety of species characteristic of the district, but one rotifer obtained does not seem to have been recorded before, and will probably prove new to science.

A report of the excursion to Ringwood on Saturday, 12th September, was given by the leader, Mr. C. French, jun., who reported a good attendance of members. A number of interesting plants were met with, such as *Ophioglossum vulgatum* (in fruit), *Phylloglossum drummondii*, *Utricularia dichotoma*; the orchids *Caladenia deformis*, *Pterostylis barbata*, *Diuris maculata*, and the rare *Prasophyllum archeri* (in seed). *Acacia myrtifolia* was beautifully in bloom, and a novelty in *Wurmbea dioica*, with pink



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