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## MEETING OF THE BIOLOGICAL CLUB.

ORTON HALL, January 12, 1903.

The club was called to order by the president, Mr. Morse. The paper of the evening was given by Dr. Kellerman, who spoke upon his last summer's trip to West Virginia. He pointed out our interest in all the floras near our own. But that of West Virginia is especially interesting because so closely allied to that of Southeastern Ohio. The flora of the State has been in the main neglected. Dr. Millspaugh and Mr. Nuttall have done practically all the work that has been published, but their lists include only 1366 embryophytes. The portion of the State along the Ohio River has a flora very much the same as that of the river counties in this State; but higher up along the Gauley River the flora is different and very interesting. He exhibited specimens of a number of the most interesting plants. He then spoke of his work on the Greenbrier River and the differences of the flora there from that of the Gauley. He spoke of the desolating effect of the destructive lumbering in the region, especially that now being perpetrated on the Cheat Mountain.

Under personal observation Mr. Swezey reported strawberries blossoming during Christmas week in Illinois, and that a few berries ripened as late as Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Jennings reported *Epilobium adenocaulum* from West Virginia, which is considerably out of its range. He reported *Paspalum pubescens* from Sandusky.

Mr. J. G. Sanders spoke of an abnormal *Podosphaera* described by him in the current number of the Journal of Mycology.

Dr. Kellerman spoke of an abnormal beet six feet tall which flowered the first year. He showed pictures of an abnormal buckeye with very peculiar almost pinnate leaves. He spoke of three new species named for himself by a German botanist, to be described in the Journal of Mycology. He reported a large number of successful experiments in tracing the connection of different forms of rusts with each other. He spoke of the three forms of prickly lettuce in Ohio, and of the disagreement of the eastern botanists in regard to them.

Miss Sater, Miss Brace, Mr. Whetstone, Mr. E. A. Sanders, Mr. Whetsel, Mr. Arundel, Miss Stewart, Miss Hite, Mr. Dyer and Miss Mark were elected to membership.

R. F. GRIGGS, *Sec'y.*