

A BOTANICAL RAMBLE LAST JUNE AT GORTBWEHEEN LAKE.

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In the Parish of Oughtmama, I arrived at the lake on a bright June day about one o'clock, to hunt for all the rare plants in and about the lake as follows :—

The first that attracted my observation was *Arundo Phragmites* and *Scirpus lacustris* growing side by side abundantly, and close by were strong tufts of *Carex Hudsonii*, forming compact hassocks. Also in the mud beneath those were *Carex paludosa* and *ampullacea* growing profusely in the mud, and close by were large patches of *Carex vulgaris* and *remota*. And a few yards away from those I observed *Menyanthes trifoliata*, *Polygonum amphibium* and *Caltha palustris* growing in the spongy pools and mud in profusion. Also in the fissures of the rocks on the margin of the lake I noticed *Lysimachia punctata*, *Thalictrum flavum*, *Rhamnus catharticus*, *Cornus sanguinea*, *Rubus cæsius*, and *Lastrea Thelypteris*. And close by, on the grassy sward, were *Viola stagnina* and *Canina*. I also noticed the following *Orchises* a few hundred yards away from the lake: *Gymnadenia Conopsea*, *Orchis maculata var alba*, *Listera ovata*, *Habenaria bifolia* abundant, and also a few withered spikes of the rare *Neotinia intacta*, and close by, in the limestone fissures, were *Mercurialis perennis* galore.

This concludes my finds for the day in and about this interesting limestone lake, which is only about six acres in extent, which I consider well worth revisiting on some fine future day next summer.