SHALL WE PRESERVE OUR STATE FORESTS
IN FUTURE?

But we will turn our back upon the past, for it is not possible, even if it were given men to know beforehand, in the beginning, the wise methods of all procedures, when it is gone, to recall or undo all its errors. It is the lot, venial, we trust, if not altogether blameless, of states as of individual persons, to be guilty of earlier neglects which maturer time can only regret and endeavor to compensate by the mending of the future. The state of Wisconsin seems now, in this five hundredth year of the continent, to have reached a day for recovering itself from some of the errors of the past. As life at length comes to a period of maturer youth, when, in the morning of a courageous manhood, it stirs itself like the earth in springtime, for its resolute and productive day, so a commonwealth, in the flush of its dawn of promise, will take high account of itself for a career that shall match its beauty of situation, its traditions of manifold historic nationalities, and the splendid achievements of civilization open before it.

A TRUST FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

By the report of the commissioner of the public lands of the state it appears that there still remains, out of the original five or six millions, in our present ownership an area of six hundred and seven thousand five hundred and seventy-two acres. Of this area, taking all things into consideration, from one-quarter to one-half is