the fall I have well decayed manure put around the roots of all fruit trees and shrubbery. My dahlia, gladioli and other bulbs are stored in the cellar.

Fruit and flower culture involves very little labor if weeds are kept down and the soil well enriched.

New or Specially Valuable Sorts, etc.

I have tested hundreds of new varieties — I always note those marked hardy and give them the preference — and usually am successful in their culture. I wish particularly to call attention to the culture of the purple leaved barberry and high bush cranberry, both useful and ornamental. They grow luxuriantly and are no trouble and well repay for a little care in planting.

A also want to call attention to the Glendale strawberry.

I have for ornamental trees cut-leaved maple, horse chestnut, wild plum, oak and ash.

I shall be glad to give any information in regard to gardening or fruit culture which I may have omitted in this brief report.

REPORT OF JANESVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Our society is twenty-one years of age, being organized in 1866. The changes in membership are but few. At our annual meeting held October 27, 1886, the following officers were elected:

President — Geo. Kellogg.
Vice President — James Helms.
Secretary — E. B. Heimstreet.
Treasurer — J. B. Whiting.

Geo. J. Kellogg, E. B. Heimstreet and James Helms were appointed delegates to the meeting of the State Horticultural Society to be held February, 1887.

The June meeting was a decided success. There were fifty-three members of the State Society present. The best show of fruit ever exhibited before, and by the society.
The fifty varieties of seedling strawberries by F. S. Loudon, the wonderful show of Jessie on the tables; the visit to the grounds of Mr. Loudon, the entertainment there; the excellent papers, good attendance and everything passed off pleasantly. There was also a commendable show of vegetables and long-keeping apples.


Amount received at meeting.......................... $120.50
Amount paid out for premiums and expenses............. 119.65

The premiums offered amount to one hundred and fourteen dollars ($114.00) of which there was awarded ninety-eight dollars ($98.00.)

I also enclose list of premiums offered.

Our membership is now, life members, 28; honorary members, 13. Total membership, 41.

Respectfully,

E. B. HEIMSTREET,
Secretary.

REPORT OF GRAND CHUTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The meetings of this society have been held quarterly the past year; the attendance has been larger than formerly, the display of fruits, plants and flowers larger and finer than in previous years, and the discussions more interesting.

Many of our members are engaged in the culture of small fruits. Strawberries are grown in many gardens.