

# The Wisconsin Horticulturist.

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## HYMN TO THE FLOWERS.

HORACE SMITH.

'Neath cloister'd bough each floral bell that swingeth  
And tolls its perfume on the passing air,  
Makes sabbath in the fields, and ever ringeth  
A call to prayer.

Not to those domes where crumbling arch and column  
Attest the feebleness of mortal hand,  
But to that fane most catholic and solemn,  
Which God hath planned.

To that cathedral boundless as our wonder,  
Whose quenchless lamps the sun and moon supply;  
Its choir, the wind and waves; its organ, thunder;  
Its dome, the sky.

There, as in solitude and shade, I wander  
Through the lone aisles, or stretched upon the sod,  
Awed by the silence, reverently ponder  
The ways of God.

Your voiceless lips, O flowers! are living preachers;  
Each cup a pulpit, and each leaf a book;  
Supplying to my fancy numerous teachers,  
In loneliest nook.

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## THE WAUPACA MEETING.

The summer meetings of the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society are always interesting, always enjoyable. Coming, as they do in June, in the midst of the busy berry season it is difficult for our small fruit growers to attend, but the busy horticulturist, who does run away for this brief respite, always finds physical and mental refreshment, and goes home with a keener zest for his work, and he feels that he has made a gain that cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

We missed, this year, the friendly greetings and the wise counsel of friends Hirschinger, Hatch, Hoxie, Johnson and Tuttle and several others whom we are accustomed to have with us.

The season advanced very rapidly after June 16 and 17 had been announced as the date for the meeting at Waupaca, and many fears were entertained that the best of the strawberries would be gone before that time, especially those in the southern portion of the state, but those who shook their heads at the un wisdom in the selection of dates would have been agreeably disappointed if they could have seen the unusually fine and large display that filled the air with fragrance and greeted the admiring eyes of those who came to "The Dane's Home Hall" where the first meetings were held. Geo. J. Kellogg & Sons, Janesville, had the largest exhibit, fifty-three varieties. The exhibit from Thayer Fruit Farm was not quite up to its usual standard of excellence, as the berries showed the effect the severe drouth of last year had upon the plants. A. D. Barnes showed some fine berries on which he was awarded several premiums. The floral exhibit was very fine and large and reflected great credit upon the Waupaca Horticultural Society. When we saw the exhibit of wild flowers we were led to exclaim, "Waupaca is the very Paradise of wild flowers!"

At our annual meeting in February, when the invitation was given us to go to Waupaca, we were promised a treat, and we had it in the meetings held June 17 at the Grand View Hotel on the "Chain-o'-Lakes," three and one-half miles from Waupaca. Wisconsin is noted for the beauty of her numerous lakes and is fast becoming a state of resorts, not only for pleasure-seekers but for those who are wearied and worn with the rush and worry of business life. We have visited nearly all of the prominent resorts in the state but there are none that can compare with "The Chain-o'-Lakes" when a quiet place with all the comforts and conveniences of the city are combined with the unparalleled beauty of the natural scenery. We were very much indebted to the genial proprietors of the Grand View Hotel who provided everything for our comfort and furnished every convenience for an ideal meeting.

Three years ago the proprietors, Messrs. Hill and Uessling, erected a large and commodious hotel upon the most beautiful site of the entire chain of thirteen lakes, but so fast did

the popularity of this resort increase that the hotel was found inadequate for the increasing number of guests, and last year another large hotel was erected near it called The Annex. The two hotel buildings and ten adjacent cottages provide ample accommodation for 250 guests. The cuisine department is under the supervision of a competent and skillful chef, and on the tables of the beautiful dining rooms are found every luxury of the season. Only the best trained attendants are employed and the "summer guest" is sure of receiving all of the delicate little courtesies that go so far towards making one's sojourn so charming and delightful. Prices for board and rooms are low when one considers the advantages and comforts afforded.

Our meetings were held on the spacious porch of the Annex and it seemed a fitting place indeed for horticulturists to meet and plan how to advance the interests of horticulture in Wisconsin, and we watched with reluctance the hour for adjournment draw near when we must close one of the most interesting and profitable meetings we ever held.

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### A LESSON IN BUDDING.

Our illustration shows a lesson in budding nursery trees, as given to the second year students in the Short Course in Agriculture, at the University of Wisconsin. Readers of the Horticulturist who desire to become acquainted with this method of propagating trees and shrubs, and who are unable to attend the "Short Course," may gain some useful hints by studying this picture carefully.

Budding is usually performed toward the latter end of summer when growth is beginning to decline, but before it has so far declined as to prevent the bark of young trees from separating readily from the wood. The buds are taken from young shoots of the current season's growth, only those that are hard and plump being selected. It is customary to cut the shoots containing the buds,—“bud-sticks” as they are called,—on the same day they are to be inserted, and to pre-