

they can make their homes and small yards things of beauty, it is his duty to do so."

W. M. R. French, director of the Art Institute, was the next speaker. Said he: "It may be roundly asserted that the beauty of a small town is wholly dependent upon its trees. Watch yourself as you declare this or that village to be a beautiful place, and you will find that you mean simply that it has many and fine trees. Its beauty may be promoted by wide and orderly streets and by neat and tasteful buildings, and especially by care of trees and grass, but if the trees are really fine, it can scarcely be kept from being beautiful. With regard to the relation of trees and buildings or other artificial structures the principles are precisely those of pictorial composition. The effect of large, fine trees in the neighborhood of a building is so great as to need no enforcement. Visiting New Orleans, I was struck with the dignified, scholastic air of Newcomb College, the women's department of Tulane University, built upon an old estate where the walks are arched with great Live Oaks, as compared with the main buildings of the university upon new ground where the trees are yet to grow. I wonder that house builders do

not more often make sure of good trees. I have myself bought a tree with some land about it and built my home under it."

The entire afternoon of Wednesday was taken up with a trip through the West Park system, where the delegates were the guests of the West Park Board. Several stops were made in the parks, and places of interest pointed out to the visitors.

The business of the convention was all transacted at the morning session on Thursday. The officers whose terms expired at this time were re-elected for the coming year, except President C. M. Loring, who declined a renomination on account of ill health. Mr. L. E. Holden, of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the first and strongest friends of the movement, was unanimously elected president. Messrs. J. C. Olmstead, of Brookline, Mass., and Mr. E. J. Parker, of Quincy, Ill., were elected vice-presidents; Mr. Warren H. Manning, Boston, secretary, and Mr. O. C. Simonds, of Chicago, treasurer. The next meeting will be held in Milwaukee in June, 1901. A number of steps were taken looking to a wider field of work and to extending the interest in the movement in different parts of the country.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

SPRAYING CALENDAR, issued by Messrs. Stone & Wellington, Toronto. Free on application.

CANADA'S GREAT EASTERN EXHIBITION, 16th Annual Fair, September 3rd to 8th, Sherbrooke, Que. M. M. Tomlinson, Secretary.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM REPORTS FOR 1899. Dr. Wm. Saunders, Director, Ottawa. An excellent report of over 400 pages, full of valuable information for the farmer and the fruit grower.

GINSENG CULTURE. Information about this great Chinese root, with cultural directions by Harlan P. Kelsey, Tremont Building, Boston, Mass. This is a well written pamphlet, which we commend to all persons interested in the culture of this plant.

CYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN HORTICULTURE, comprising suggestions for cultivation of horticultural plants, descriptions of the species of fruits, vegetables, flowers and ornamental plants sold in the United States and Canada, together with geographical and biographical sketches by L. H. Bailey, Professor of Horticulture in Cornell University, illustrated with over 2,000 original

engravings, in four volumes, at \$5.00 each. New York: The McMillan Pub. Co., 1900. Vol. 1.

The second volume of this excellent work has just come to hand, and certainly it continues to make the same impression for excellence of matter and execution which the first volume made upon us. Every department of horticulture, including floriculture, pomology, commercial nursery propagation, the botany of horticulture, is not only fully written up but also beautifully illustrated.

One of the important features of the work is its application to our country. That grand work by Nicolson is for Englishmen, and quite misleads one with regards to dates of planting, adaptation, hardiness, etc., but on all these points Prof. Bailey has taken care to enter into the minutest necessary detail. We do not hesitate to commend this work to all our readers, whether fruit growers, gardeners, gentlemen of leisure, or of whatever profession, for it contains such information as it would take scores of books to give, herein gathered together in one fine production, and which cannot fail to both interest and instruct every reader.