

* Our Book Table. *

MICHIGAN FLORA.—Prepared for the thirtieth annual report of the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, by W. J. Beall, M.S., Ph.D., and C. F. Wheeler, B.S., Agricultural College, Michigan, 1892.

This is a most interesting report. It contains, not only a complete list of the flora of the state of Michigan in natural orders, but a great deal besides, which is both interesting and valuable to students, whether of that State or not. For instance, there are interesting chapters on the trees and shrubs of Michigan, as compared with those of the rest of the world, with reasons why the Michigan flora is so rich, and why there are so few specimens in Great Britain. There are interesting lists of trees, selected for various qualities, as, for example, the native trees and shrubs which should be selected for the color of their leaves in autumn; small trees distinguishable for their flowers; shrubs and trees which are distinguishable for their beautiful fruit, and lists of those which are distinguishable for showy bark. Then follow lists of plants which climb or twine; plants suitable for winter bouquets; native ferns; trees which indicate a fertile soil, and others which indicate a barren soil; trees valuable for timber, for posts and sills, for cabinet work, etc., etc. Clippings from these parts of the volume will be made for use in future numbers of our journal.

ANNALS OF HORTICULTURE in North America, for the year 1891. A witness of passing events and a record of progress. By L. H. Bailey, Cornell University.

This book comes to us beautifully bound in cloth. It is a volume of over four hundred pages, and is quite a new departure in book making. It is an attempt at making an annual record of the horticultural progress of North America, and of Classifying our scattered knowledge of American horticultural literature. Part I of this volume is devoted to General Annals under the following heads: 1st, Fruits, vegetables and general interests; 2nd, Ornamentals; 3rd, Plant diseases and insects; 4th, National and educational interests; and Part II to Special Annals as follows: 1, New introductions of 1891; 2, Census of cultivated indigenous plants; 3, Plant portraits of 1891; 4, Directory of the national, state, provincial, and other most important horticultural societies in North America; 5, Directory of horticulturists, or those in charge of horticultural work, of experiment stations in North America; 6, The botanic gardens of the world; 7, Title index to experiment station horticultural literature in North America of 1891 (including publications of the Department of Agriculture); 8, Subject index of the experiment station horticultural literature in North America for 1891 (including publications of the Department of Agriculture); 9, Books of 1891; 10, Horticultural periodicals of the world; 11, Tools and conveniences of the year; 12, Necrology of 1891. Evidently this is a book which no student of horticulture can afford to do without.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE MAINE STATE POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR 1891. Secretary D. H. Knowlton, Augusta, Me.

These reports are always interesting to us in Canada, because of the similarity of climate between that State and the northern parts of our province. The experience of fruit growers in Maine with hardy fruits is valuable to our apple growers in the colder parts of Ontario. Some of the subjects discussed are, Marketing of apples, Grape growing, Pear culture, Fruit growing compared with other agricultural industries, Fruit lists, secretary's portfolio, etc.