

## CLOSING WORDS.

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IN speaking of points of interest, no doubt numerous omissions have been made. One particularly may be mentioned—the beautiful grounds of the Chautauqua Park. This was formerly the Crooks property and called Crookston. It was bought in 1887 for the summer meetings of the Chautauqua Assembly. Tents were erected, two hotels built, a large amphitheatre constructed, cottages built, and for several years summer meetings were held, lectures given, classes conducted, religious, educational; physical culture,—as club swinging, swimming; also music, drawing, kindergarten, botany classes, but unfortunately the plan failed, though much thought and labor were bestowed upon it. The indomitable perseverance of Mr. R. M. Warren, who worked early and late, must be mentioned, also the manager, L. C. Peake. The cottages are still occupied in summer by the owners and visitors, who enjoy the facilities for fishing, bathing, and the shade of the magnificent oaks which abound. The One-Mile Creek and Two-Mile Pond are famous resorts for the Boy Scouts, and the grounds form a paradise for the botanist. Here and in the neighborhood are found many rare flowers. The yam, which Spotton says is only found at Hamilton, was found here. Among trees the Tulip tree, the Sassafras, the Catalpa, Dogwood and Papaw. Birds abound,—the blue-jay, oriole, humming bird, scarlet tanager; the English pheasant has lately been introduced. Nor on the common must be forgotten the Sweet Briar, though lately a fungus has been very injurious; in September mushrooms abound on the common and in meadows—not soon will be forgotten the pleasures of mushroom gathering. At Niagara Glen many orchids are found, and in the woods and on the lake shore what profusion of fruit and flower and fern—water lily, potentilla anserina, marsh marigold, celandine, blue-eyed grass, Jack-in-the-pulpit or Indian turnip, fringed gentian,