

a detestation of the evil and false, our gardens will show. And so the one reacts upon the other; as we exercise our taste for the beautiful and our love of the good in the careful cultivation of the garden, and thus bring ourselves through these creations of Infinite Love into communion with Him who is the source of all that is good and truly beautiful, shall we be changed into the same image, and by means of this communion become ourselves good and therefore beautiful.

MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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At the evening session of Thursday, Feb. 22nd, Mr. O. B. Galusha, President of the Illinois State Horticultural Society, read a paper on the question, "Is there a better market strawberry than the Wilson?" After listening attentively to his paper from beginning to end, we were no wiser than when he began, and concluded that he had fully illustrated his own paper by the incident he narrated at the opening, saying that he was in the predicament of the German Magistrate who after hearing one side of a case said to the counsel, "Vell, you be right, anyhow;" but after hearing the counsel for the other side, said, "Vell, you be right too"; so I dismiss the case, and charge the constable with the costs for bringings such a case into court." President Earle introduced to the meeting, upon the conclusion of Mr. Galusha's paper, Professor S. A. Forbes, Illinois State Entomologist, who read an exhaustive paper upon "Insects affecting the strawberry." We shall not attempt even a synopsis of this truly valuable and instructive paper. Those of our readers who wish to pursue this subject, can procure a

copy of the Report of this Society by sending one dollar to the Secretary, W. H. Ragan, Esq., Lafayette, Indiana, in which they will find Professor Forbes paper in full, and very completely illustrated with cuts of most of the insects. This paper was followed by one from Mr. A. D. Webb, of Kentucky, the originator of the Longfellow and Warren strawberries, upon "The best strawberries for home use and for market." With an experience of twenty-five years, he names for home use in his locality, Cumberland Triumph, Warren, Longfellow, Monarch, Charles Downing, Mount Vernon and Sharpless. These have been selected by him after a thorough test through a series of years, (except the Mt. Vernon, which is of but recent introduction,) embracing unfavorable as well as favorable seasons, with an eye especially to hardiness and vigor of plant and reliable bearing, save that in the case of the Sharpless he has found it easily injured by frost and, in a wet season, liable to rot. Nevertheless, he would advise it be planted in every family collection and trust to Providence for deliverance from frost and rot. For near market he said he would add to his family list the Crescent, and for distant market would plant Wilson and Glendale. The Wilson, he said, has outranked all others as a shipper, has proved nearer a success everywhere than perhaps any other, and has been and is yet more extensively grown for market than any other. Glendale has acquired some reputation as a shipper, seems to succeed wherever tried, is a late variety, of large size, and makes a good show on the fruit stands when free from dirt. When dirty it is hard looking, but will wash almost as well as Irish potatoes.

The remainder of the evening was occupied with discussions upon manuring and watering strawberries and the