

of flies and insects was found to be necessary to the fertilization of fruit blossoms, and that certain insects were necessary to the fertilization of certain plants. This valley, the Professor said, evidently had the insects necessary for the fertilization of apple blossoms.

On motion of MR. MILLER the thanks of the meeting were unanimously tendered to PROFESSOR LAWSON.

A discussion upon the subject of the disease known as "Collar Rot," took place after the Professor's departure. MR. T. H. PARKER said he had had sad experience with the disease in question. His remedy consisted in cutting out, with chisel and mallet, if need be, all the diseased wood, and applying salt and ashes as fertilizer.

The subject of scraping fruit trees was then taken up. In reference to this the general opinion seemed to be that except for the removal of moss the scraping proves not beneficial. Instances were mentioned where scraping had resulted in the death of the tree. MR. EDWARD PARKER compared the scraping of trees to the clipping of horses in the winter. In reference to diseased trees, he had found benefit from boring into trees and filling with sulphur. MR. T. H. PARKER said sulphur had no effect whatever on trees from the fact that it was insoluble.

The Borer was the next subject of discussion. MR. SHAW had detected the little insect in the act of entering the tree, making a very small aperture out of which a gummy substance oozed, by cutting in had found the borer inside; thought if the insect was not killed when commencing operations it was little use to fight him, as the work of destruction was accomplished early in the season on the outside of the tree (within the bark.) A letter by DR. PRIMROSE of Annapolis Co., on the subject of the apple tree borer, was read,—when the opinion was expressed that the insect now under discussion was the Quince borer, a much smaller and less easily detected creature than the apple tree borer.

A. B. PARKER said that he had seen the apple tree borer in all stages of growth, but had never seen one on a healthy tree. "The borer," he said, "will not attack a healthy tree any more than a louse will live on a healthy animal." Several members dissented from this

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