



FIG 2573. AN ATTRACTIVE FOOTPATH IN A PARK.

value of real estate, a most important factor in this money-making age. At the start the Hamilton society had the usual kicker, or better, perhaps, the "chronic kicker" rapping it over the knuckles, dubbing its members faddists, etc., but that is now a thing of the past, and it is supported by rich and poor alike. A glance over the names of the executive committee convinces one it is the most representative one in the city, composed of busy, active men, having the interest of the advancement of Hamilton in every way very much at heart. The foregoing remarks may be well considered by societies just forming, and it would be well for them all to go easy at the start, not attempting too many reforms, not being intrusive, and not forming too high ideals. The press in Hamilton has been of great assistance to the workers. Always have they found it ready and willing to aid in every possible way. Make confidants of the editors, and you are always sure

of good returns. The clergy have also materially assisted city improvement, not only in committee, but in active work during the flower competitions. At the same time our churches and schools could have set a much better example than they have done in making their surroundings more pleasant to the passerby. However, better things are hoped for in the future, through this medium. To make improvement societies a success one must have the enthusiast; he must be at your meetings, and he must be on your committees, and in selecting the latter get as many of the busy men of your community on them as possible. They are the ones who usually have the most time at their disposal for the public good. A good secretary is an indispensable attachment. Don't get a machine. He must be a man of some initiative, and when you get such a one don't put too much on his shoulders. Interest as many as you can to assist him.