

practical value of this paper, which was followed by another, upon "The best strawberries for home use and for market," by E. D. Webb, Kentucky, who said that under the head of strawberries for distant markets, he could name only the Wilson and Glendale, remarking that the Wilson has now outranked all others as a shipper, proving more nearly a success, and now more grown for commercial purposes than any other variety. The paper by F. P. Baker, upon "irrigation in horticulture," will be found exceedingly interesting and well worthy the careful perusal of every one living in a climate subject to summer drought. Another very interesting paper was read by T. T. Lyon, Michigan; the subject was "ruts in horticulture." We have not space for a synopsis of this valuable paper. We advise our friends to send \$2.00 to the Secretary, Mr. Wm. Ragan, Clayton, Indiana, and secure a copy of the transactions and study this paper for themselves. Gov. Furnas, of Nebraska, furnished a very interesting paper upon "tree planting on the plains," which contains much information concerning the growth of timber and the value of nearly all of our forest trees for various uses and commercial purposes. Dr. Jno. A. Warder, Ohio, furnished a valuable paper on "the effect of forests upon health," shewing the importance of trees as a safeguard against malaria. The paper upon "marketing of fruit," by E. Hollister, Illinois, is replete with valuable information to everyone engaged in the packing and shipping of berries and other small fruits. Mrs. H. M. Lewis, Wisconsin, furnished a paper on "birds in horticulture," and she says that if Dame Fashion would declare that the English sparrow was the coming bird for ladies' headwear and parlour decoration, as the sunflower has been of late, it would be a boon to the coun-

try. The paper upon "the adornment of rural homes," by Mrs. Huntley, Wisconsin, is not only beautifully written, but full of information, derived evidently from her own experience, that cannot fail to be of interest to us, whose climate so closely resembles that of her own home. The Secretary, Mr. W. H. Ragan, of Indiana, contributed a paper upon the question, "Can we master the insect enemies of the orchard?" in which he seems to give way to the fear that through want of concert of action among orchardists, the insects are likely to have their own way. We commend this subject to the attention of our Ontario orchardists, for truly if our efforts are either spasmodic or isolated, we shall not be able to cope successfully with the insects which have invaded our orchards, and which rapidly render our marketable fruits small by degrees and beautifully less. The paper upon "the management of peach orchards," by G. W. Endicott, Illinois, treating on the varieties to plant, of pruning, gathering of the fruit, etc., will be exceedingly interesting to those of our readers who live within the peach growing regions. The paper on "grape growing and civilization," by Isidor Bush, Missouri, will be of interest to our grape growers, being, however, suggestive rather than practical. We commend to our hybridists the paper by Dr. J. Stayman, of Kansas, "on the scientific production of new fruits," which will be found replete with suggestions bearing upon their success well worthy of their attention. But there is not space to enumerate a tithe of these interesting papers. Enough has been said, we trust, to shew the great value of this volume of transactions, not merely to the members of the society by which it is published, but also to our Canadian fruit growers. The mechanical workmanship displayed in the publishing of this report is of