

bery; nor in any case have we noticed any effort made to make the place inviting to the waiting traveller by rustic or other seats in shady spots. On the other hand, the places are to be seen and not touched; they are guarded by ugly and forbidding palings, and woe betide the passenger who would dare to set foot inside! We commend the action of the Rio Grande Railroad in deciding to park nearly all of its stations in Colorado and Utah, and in placing this work in the hands of capable men to prepare suitable plans for the same.

PARK DEVELOPMENT.

It will take much time and much effort on the part of the members of our improvement clubs to educate public sentiment so far in favor of park development in Ontario, that the large sums required for the best work will be freely voted. Newark, N. J., has spent \$938,000 for improvements to Branch Park, and \$41,000 in improvements to East Side Park, besides similar amounts for many other parks in the same city. Toronto and Hamilton have as yet done very little in this direction.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES.

I HAVE just completed a tour among the horticultural societies. My special mission was to point out to them the aim and purpose of the societies, the character of the work they are supposed to be engaged, and the results hoped for. I hope to contribute a series of articles to this department during the summer months, setting out in detail my conceptions of the work, and my experiences gained during the past few weeks. For the present I will only intimate that the purpose of the horticultural society is not to distribute seed potatoes nor any other work that properly belongs to the agricultural societies; but, on the contrary, to beautify the home, to purify home life, to promote a greater love of home by making it and its environments more attractive, and thereby lay the foundation of a patriotism worthy the land that we possess.

Nature has done much for us: we have a beautiful land, but as yet we are not doing much for ourselves with the natural advantages we possess. There is much work for the horticultural societies and the Civic Im-

provement League to do. Upon this, or these topics, I will dwell in detail later. I might suggest, however, as a good beginning, that the Civic Improvement League appoint a strong delegation to wait upon the great railway companies and request them to do something in the way of cleaning up their station grounds and freight yards. I may just here instance the pretty and progressive town of Orillia. The first impression the visitor gets of the town is exceedingly bad, all owing to the wretched disorder about the railway premises.

I must not forget that I promised several societies to give a list of hardy roses in this issue. Beginning with the dark shades, the following list will cover the range of colors. Baron de Bonstetten, Gen. Jacqueminot, Alfred Colomb, Lady Helen Stewart, Md. Chas. Wood, Magna Charta, Francois Levet, Mrs. Sherman, Crawford, Common Moss, Crested Moss, Md. Plantier, and the climbing Caroline Goodrich.

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