

ral friends—and what horticulturist has not got horticultural friends? And would it not be a sin to refuse an offering from such an one? I took the trees, planted them, expecting they would die the first winter; but to my utter astonishment they are

doing well. They have not fruited with me as yet, consequently I know nothing about them, either as to size, appearance or quality. Am pleased to note the continued improvement in the HORTICULTURIST. — A. A. WRIGHT, *Renfrew.*

DECORATION OF HOME GROUNDS.

DEAR EDITOR: I was pleased to see in June number of your much prized journal, an article on the Honeysuckle, accompanied by a colored plate of three popular and desirable varieties. Nothing so much improves the appearance of our homes as a few hardy climbers and flowering shrubs about the grounds, and the climbing Honeysuckle is one easily managed, of thrifty growth, and that will abundantly repay the small amount of annual care required. It is a pity some of our Canadian farmers do not pay more attention to the adornment of their homes by the addition of a few hardy flowering shrubs and native shade trees. We know they are industrious, hard-working people, and that "time is money" to them, as well as to the merchant; but a very few days out of each year given to the care of the lawn and flower garden, would so amply repay those concerned that we should like all owners of homes to try the experiment. One or two common lilacs, say a white and colored; a syringa, or mock orange, a snow ball, and that most showy of all white flowering shrubs, the 'Spirea Van Houtti'; these with a few of our native evergreens, as

Spruce, Hemlock or White Cedar, would require little or no care after they are once started, besides making home more home-like to our children: they would also add money value to the place and make the neighborhood a more desirable one for strangers to settle in. Almost any one who has them growing would be pleased to give for the asking a few sprouts or suckers of the shrubs named above, and they may be transplanted in either Spring or Fall. Some of our farm houses in this district are really elegant structures, and a credit to those who, through thrift and industry, have acquired the means to build and furnish them; yet we have often remarked that some of these grand places, without either flowers, shrubs or trees, do not look nearly as home-like as an unpainted cottage, perhaps not far from them, which is surrounded by foliage and flowers. I hope you will continue from time to time to give a little space in your valuable journal to articles on the cultivation of flowers and lawn decoration. At some future time I may perhaps write you on "House Plants—How I Succeeded with Them," etc. — FRED. G. LOCKETT, *Belleville, Ontario.*