

city, makes possible a beautiful scheme. Mr. Todd has recently made plans and submitted a report for the improvement of the grounds of Trinity College, Toronto, which embodies some interesting landscape problems.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOL GROUNDS.

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#### SHRUBBERY ABOUT THE HOUSE.

TO one who has been accustomed to plenty of shrubbery about the house, it is surprising how noticeable is the want of it in the majority of lawns, and what a bare and forsaken look such places seem to present. Shrubs have a double value, one in their intrinsic beauty, another in their use. If the former be the special consideration, then they should be chosen with great care as to foliage, color, bloom and such characteristics; but if the latter, their individuality is of little importance so long as they accomplish the desired objects. One of these is the hiding of fence boundaries, of well curbs, of outhouses, of gravel roadways, or anything which breaks up the continuity of the lawn view. For

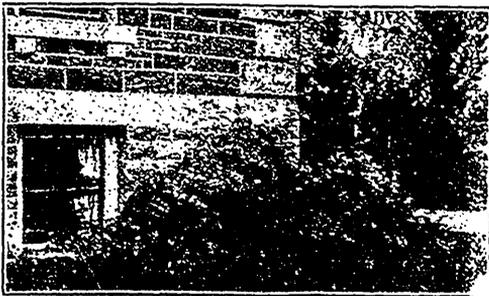


FIG. 2705. SHRUBBERY TO HIDE FOUNDATION

such plantings it is not necessary to buy expensive plants from the nursery, for any wild bush will furnish a variety collection sufficient for liberal planting. Too often the home maker leaves his house fully exposed from the foundation up, quite unconscious of the nakedness which the house presents unless the foundations are at least partly clothed with clumps of shrubs. This is fairly shown in the accompanying engraving, where even a single shrub has done wonders in breaking up the angularity of the mason work.

#### STATION GROUNDS.

ATTENTION has often been called, in these pages, to the possibilities of



Plan of Station Grounds, Auburndale, Mass. Boston & Albany R. R.—Considered local in arrangement and display.

FIG. 2706. PLAN FOR STATION GROUNDS.

making these attractive, as has been shown in so many instances along the line of the Boston and Albany Railway. On most roads these places are so barren that waiting is a weary season; but it would be possible, by a little treatment, to make these station grounds so attractive that the waiting season would be delightful; and not only so, but they would afford a valuable object lesson on the treatment of a lawn, which could in many instances be copied in part at the homes of the travelers.

As an example of what may be done in this direction, we give the plan of the station grounds at Auburndale, Mass.