

cal Society were considered the guests of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. President Strong welcomed the members in the Wesleyan Hall, where the business meetings were held. The welcome was responded to by the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, than whom no man can better discharge the duties devolving upon him.

Letters were read from Mayor Pierce, extending the hospitality of the city to the Society, and tendering a public reception at Faneuil Hall; from Mr. Gray, inviting the Society to breakfast, at his residence in the Highlands; and from H. H. Hunnewell, to visit his grounds. Your President was made Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, and appointed a vice-President of the Society.

The reception at Faneuil Hall was really magnificent. The surroundings, audience, speakers, and notabilities, were singularly impressive. Though no American, your President could appreciate the reminiscences and struggles of the pilgrim fathers. At every allusion to their achievements, and they were many, he felt himself more thoroughly a Briton, for the men who vindicated American liberty and stood by human rights, could only act as they did by themselves, being Britons. President Wilder's mention of Washington, Webster, and other heroes, called forth hearty plaudits.

The next meeting of the Pomological Society was fixed to be held at Chicago two years hence. In the afternoon President Wilder gave a long, eloquent, and thrilling address.

SECOND DAY.

The proceedings of this day began very early, especially to those who had been diligently at work late the night before. The cars to take visitors to Mr. Gray's residence started promptly at 7 o'clock from the Temple. We were greatly struck with the public spirit and munificence of the proprietors of the beautiful private country residences in the neighbourhood of Boston. When one enquired for a ticket for the journey, the answer was, step in, nothing to pay. The street cars on this occasion were free, and in the afternoon, when proceeding to H. H. Hunnewell's, railway accommodation was again provided free of cost. The great wealth, and horticultural taste of the Boston princes, have made that section of the United States famous over the world for its horticultural products. The unselfishness of their wealth was surprising. Possessing large means, and spending their money freely on the beautifying of the face of the country, they desire to give to others the enjoyment of the beautiful creations of their wealth, as they themselves enjoy. Many of the grounds surrounding princely mansions are open to the public, who eagerly avail themselves of the privilege without any appearance of vandalism, either in wandering through the parks, flower gardens, conservatories or orchard houses. H. H. Hunnewell and William Gray, jr., are not only munificent patrons of horticultural art, but public educators, whose ennobling lessons characterize the splendid civilization of Boston society, and the reflex influence of which will sooner or later find its way to more western cities, and even penetrate, we trust, to western Canada.

Public recognition of Mr. Gray's munificence was made on assembling for business. In fact every thing seemed to be done in the right way, and at the right time.

At four o'clock, the members of the Society proceeded to the station of the Boston and Albany Railroad, where a special train took them to Wellesley, the country seat of H. H. Hunnewell, Esq., who had courteously invited the members to visit his grounds. On arrival at the villa, the party were not formally received, but were at liberty to stroll in such directions as they desired. The large assemblage, therefore, divided itself into several parties, and scattered over the extensive grounds. The wonderful perfection of the grounds, which combine the highest refinement of landscape gardening, elicited universal wonder and surprise, and many exclamations of delight were heard on every side. To give a description of these grounds, which are justly acknowledged to be the finest in America, would require volumes—a passing notice being inadequate to do them justice, or convey an idea of their transcendent beauty. The Italian garden, with its grand terraces and exquisite evergreens trimmed in fanciful shapes, and in the perfection of the topiary art, together with the granite balustrades of the parapet, and its vases and statues, reminded many of the visitors of the splendours of the Lake of Como, in Italy. Without question, this is the most successful attempt on this Continent of this unique feature of gardening. The flower garden, where exquisite combinations of ribbon bordering were in profusion, was not less admired; the magnificent lawns, with the grouping of the different trees, forming a most perfect instance of landscape garden-

ing, together with the fine displays of beautiful plants, a feast for the eye, the most elaborate and hospitable of Mr. Gray's opportunities which he conceded that Providence had bestowed it with, creating such a marvellous giving to others as well.

The following is just as it was passed in the United States.

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Pears.—Bereks, Earl, of Illinois; Qu.

Grapes.—Hoag, gent, of Massachusetts.

Seedling Fruits. Burnet, of Canada;

Figs, etc.—Messrs. Peaches.—G. V.

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Plums.—P. T. New York.

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