

the month of May in that year. The half-tone on page four is a reproduction of that picture. Beyond the boy and the apple tree one can discern the small pines and the fences which bound them on the north and west.

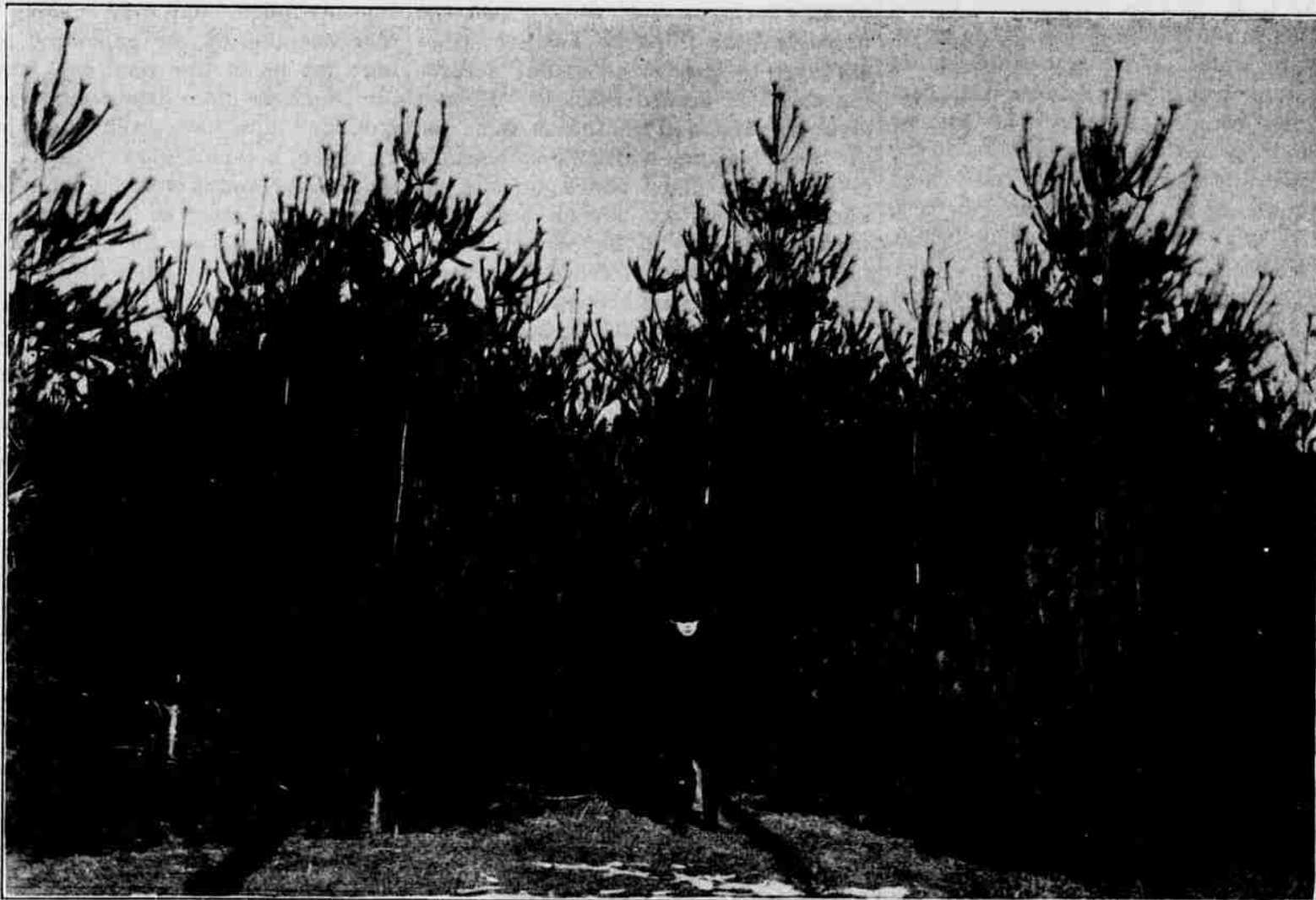
Wirt came Christmas time, 1900, once again to Arbor Lodge, and to show how white pines and boys can grow and change in five years their photograph was taken once more, December 27th, 1900. Below is the result.

Look on this picture and then upon

that of five years ago. Many of these pines are up in the air eighteen to twenty feet. In circumference they are much better than isolated trees of the same age and variety. The annual perpendicular growth where these pines stand thickest is from two to three feet. Under their thickly interweaving boughs it is dark and damp. The darkness is a knife which paralyzes and lops off the under limbs—leaving no scar. The dampness is a nurse. Those who do not believe in close planting for evergreens—particularly for white pines—upon the

prairies should visit Arbor Lodge and inspect the pinetum.

The Russet apple tree, where Wirt Morton was at work, perished—because it was a root-graft, no doubt—of old age in 1897, and was cut down. In the second photograph, the boy stands nearly upon the stump of that tree and within a few feet of where he was at work in 1895. How swift the growth of trees, and the fleeting of all human things! And how like trees are mortal men in the strength and beauty of useful life and how still and sombre when prone in death!



THE CONSERVATIVE plants Truths everywhere, and Trees wherever they will grow. Truths live through eternity. Trees live longer, in Time, than any other growing things.

THE WILLIAM L. WILSON MEMORIAL.

In view of the great public service, the broad patriotism, and the beautiful traits of character which adorned the life of the late William L. Wilson, his friends throughout the Union have determined to erect to his memory a memorial worthy of his life and character. In determining the form that such memorial should take, they have been greatly influenced by the following facts:

When Mr. Wilson was elected president of Washington and Lee University, in the year 1897, he found that there was no chair of economics in the university, and upon examination found that there was no such distinct chair in any southern university. His public life had shown him the importance of inculcating in the minds of the young

men of the country sound financial and economic views. So impressed was he with this thought that out of his own meagre salary he established and largely supported a chair of economics, the funds of the university not permitting of such expenditure. His friends have therefore concluded that no more fitting and enduring monument can be erected to his memory than the endowment of the chair of economics which he himself established, and for several years maintained, in the university, to be known as the William L. Wilson chair of economics; and that the memorial may be worthy of the man in whose honor it is erected, and that the services of the highest scholarship may be secured in carrying out his purpose, they have been impressed with the propriety and importance of raising at least \$100,000 for this purpose. The undersigned committee has been selected to take charge

of and prosecute the work to a completion, and it earnestly appeals to the friends of education throughout the Union, as well as to Mr. Wilson's personal friends and to those who honor and exalt personal virtue and patriotism, to aid in effecting the desired result.

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Fifteen thousand dollars have already been subscribed to this fund. Those interested in the project or who may desire further information concerning it are invited to correspond with Herbert Welsh, secretary and treasurer, No. 1305 Arch Street, Philadelphia.