

avoidably great. All its seeming wild luxuriance of growth is the result of most careful cultivation. The pruning and digging about the shrubberies are alone a heavy expense, and the intercourse with other large collections all over the world, the continual interchange of specimens, the continued experiments with exotic growths, call constantly for funds.

Boston's Generosity.

The citizens of Boston make generous response to an appeal for money, but the acquirement of the necessary sum might well be assisted by the friendly interest of other men who have derived advantage from its lessons and comprehend its national scientific value. It will be long before any other collection can correspond to it, so much a matter of years is the development of trees in perfection, and always, however valuable other American arboreta may become in time, they must owe much to the present institution, which will make the preliminary steps easy and comparatively inexpensive for their directors.

Importance.

Already two great national works have been made possible by the existence of this Arboretum. The first, the Forestry Report of the Tenth Census, prepared here, which is the foundation of the awakening of this country to the practical worth of its forests; and secondly, the issue of that great work, "The Silva of North America," the most important contribution to tree knowledge that has ever been made, whose author was thought worthy of the gold medal of the National French Society of Agriculture, one of the highest of scientific distinctions.

Influence.

The influence of the Arboretum upon public opinion through its organ, Garden and Forest, which only ceased when the good seed had been thoroughly sown in the American mind, its constant pressure upon the people through the press, can scarcely be calculated; but all who appreciate of what importance the preservation of the forest wealth of the United States is to its future income, should be glad to uphold the strength of this great and invaluable institution and to aid it in maintaining its present high standard of usefulness to the whole country.—N. Y. Sun, April 7.

FLOYD'S GRAVE.

THE CONSERVATIVE has received a most interesting statement, touching the grave of Sergeant Charles Floyd, a portion of whose journal of 1804 was published three weeks ago, from Mr. Charles W. Pierce, the veteran surveyor, who first came to Nebraska in 1852.

Mr. Pierce says that in 1857, while he was engaged upon the government sur-

vey, he was running a line (the 42nd parallel) across northern Nebraska. This line he was to carry to the Missouri, then cross the river and establish a connection between his work and the Iowa surveys: and while this was being done, he received a special order to find and visit the grave of Sergeant Floyd and inspect and report upon its condition. The bluff upon which Floyd was buried lay at a considerable distance from the work he was conducting, and had no connection whatever with it: and this order indicates that some one at the seat of government, although more than fifty years had passed since Lewis & Clark's expedition, was still keeping an eye upon the grave of the soldier they left here in the wilderness.

Mr. Pierce found the spot, but instead of the "seeder post" of Captain Clark, he says that there was a cross upon the hill-top. Of the grave there was no sign, but the cross was in fairly good condition. It was of red cedar, the two bars being roughly hewn from logs: the joint was not mortised, but the intersection had been notched with an axe and then secured with pins, likewise of red cedar. These having become somewhat loosened with time, Mr. Pierce caused them to be renewed and Sergeant Floyd was once more committed to his destiny, which has now, after another half-century, brought him to a stone monument 100 feet high. A. T. R.

GET THE BEST SHRUBS FOR THE LAWN.

In selecting shrubs for the lawn, quality should be considered, first of all. There cannot be many used on small grounds, therefore those selected should be the best. Let me say right here that it is a serious mistake to scatter shrubs over the surface of a lawn. To do so detracts from its dignity. A lawn, as a lawn, should be given a chance to assert itself, and stand on its own merits. If it is broken up by shrubbery it loses its individuality, and is no longer a lawn in the best sense of the word. Shrubs should, therefore, be kept to the rear of it, or to each side, and the lawn be left perfectly clear. Shrubs planted in this manner give to the open space of green, a sort of framework or setting which enhances its beauty.—April Ladies' Home Journal.

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