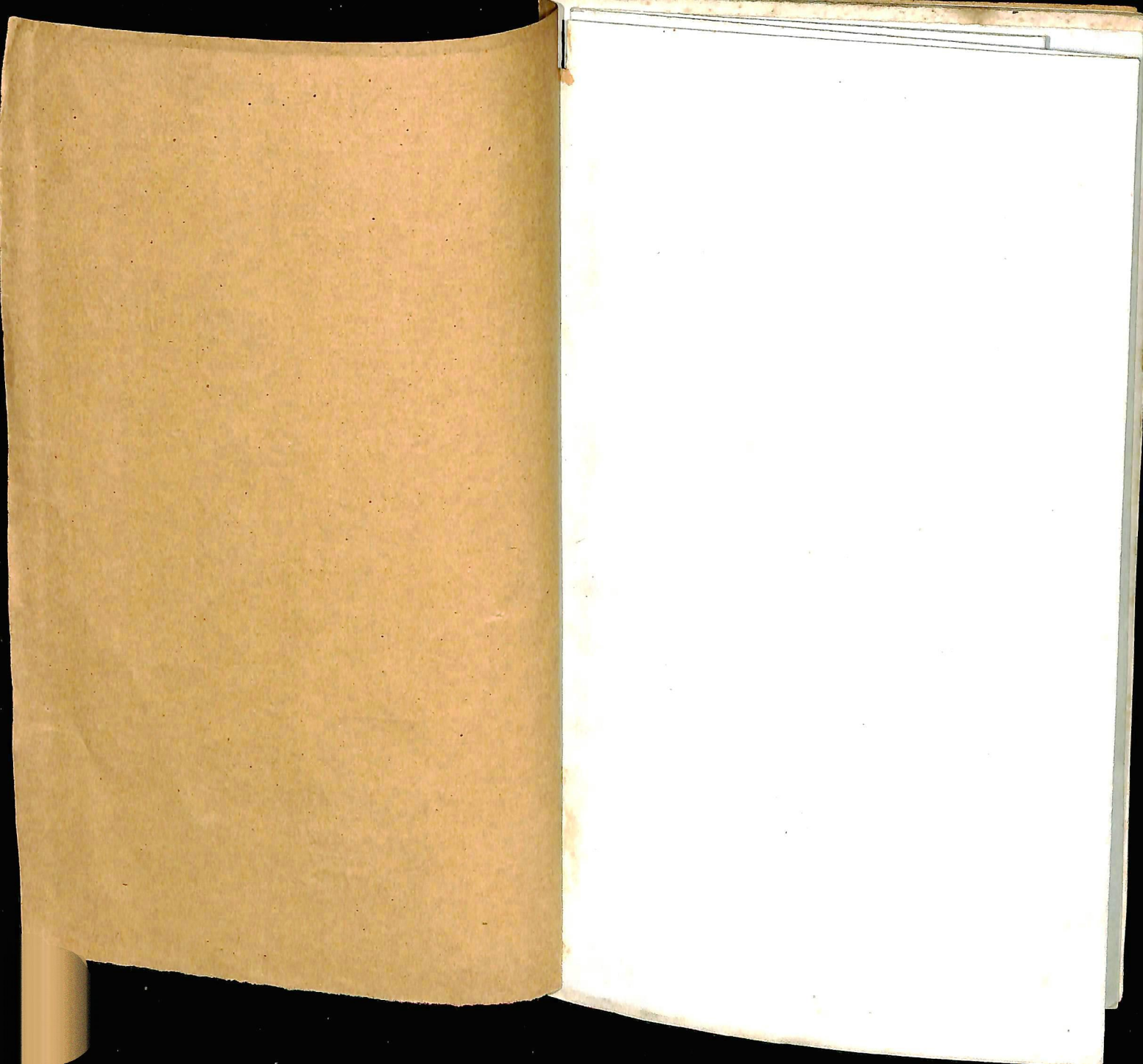


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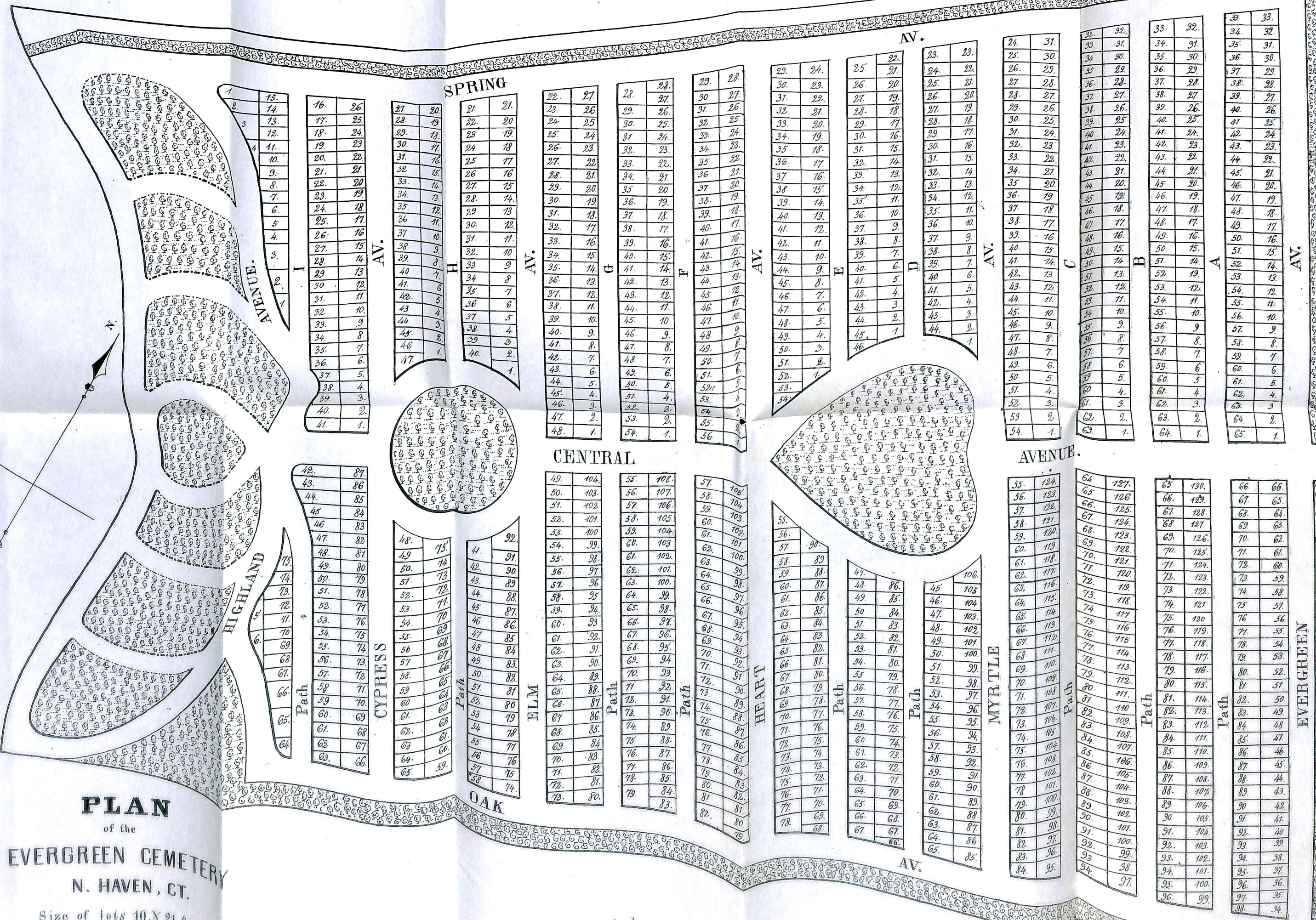


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PLAN
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N. HAVEN, CT.
Size of lots 10 X 21 feet.
Nov. 1848.

Scale: 66 feet to an inch.

Cause & Green Lick.

EVERGREEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

ORGANIZATION.

At a meeting of citizens of New Haven, held Sept. 15th, 1848, to take into consideration the subject of a new Cemetery, in consequence of the scarcity and high prices of lots in the present Burying Ground,—T. W. Werner in the chair,—the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we do hereby form ourselves into an Association, to be known as the WASHINGTON* CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That the Stock of this Association be divided into Three Hundred Shares, the *par value* of which shall be *Ten Dollars* per Share.

* Subsequently changed to "EVERGREEN," by vote of the Association.

At a subsequent meeting, held Oct. 17th, 1848, T. W. Werner in the chair, and L. S. Dickinson Secretary, the following Officers of the Association were appointed for the year ensuing:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

C. F. HOTCHKISS, CHAIRMAN,
GEORGE TUTTLE,
THOMAS PHILLIPS,
IRA MERWIN,
BENJAMIN BEECHER, JR.

FREDERICK CROSWELL, TREASURER,
WILLIAM HARTLEY, SECRETARY.
(Office No. 9 *Phoenix Building*.)

At the same meeting, the following By-Laws were also adopted:—

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall consist of Shareholders and Proprietors of Lots in the EVERGREEN CEMETERY,—with a Board of *five Directors*, a *Secretary* and a *Treasurer*.

ARTICLE II.

A meeting of this Association shall be held annually for the choice of Officers, and the transaction of all business relative to the Association; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice of the time and place of holding such meetings by advertising, during at least one week previous to the same, in two or more of the daily papers of this city.

ARTICLE III.

The Board of Directors may, at their discretion, have power to call special meetings of this Association; but, on the request in writing of any twenty Stockholders, shall call

such special meeting, by giving public notice specifying the object thereof, through the Secretary, in the manner prescribed for Annual Meetings as in Article 2d.

ARTICLE IV.

The Board of Directors shall have the entire control and management of the affairs of the Association, and it shall be the duty of the Chairman, or such other member of the Board as he may appoint for the purpose, to examine, at least once in every three months, the books and accounts of the Secretary and the Treasurer, and to report at the Annual Meeting of the Association, respecting the affairs of the same, together with such suggestions as in his judgment may further the interests of the Association.

ARTICLE V.

The Secretary, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall keep the books of the Association, have charge of the transfer and sale of shares and lots, and collect the moneys for the same. He shall also, when-

ever the funds of the Association in his hands amount to the sum of Fifty Dollars, pay them over to the Treasurer and take his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE VI.

The Treasurer shall not disburse any moneys of the Association, except upon Drafts of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII.

The shares of Stock of this Association shall at all times be receivable, at their *par value*, in payment for lots in the Cemetery.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Dividends of interest on the shares of Stock in this Association shall, in no one year, amount to more than eight dollars *per centum*.

ARTICLE IX.

Every owner of one or more lots in the Cemetery shall be entitled to one vote at the meetings of the Association, while each shareholder shall be entitled to as many votes as he

holds shares, except in the case mentioned in Article 12th.

ARTICLE X.

After the expiration of five years from its organization, this Association may have the privilege of buying in the balance of stock remaining in the hands of Shareholders, by paying to such Shareholders the par value thereof.

ARTICLE XI.

No one person shall own more than four lots of ground in the Cemetery, without permission being granted by a two-thirds vote at a regular or special meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE XII.

These By-Laws shall not be changed or amended except by a vote of two thirds of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Association, provided that in voting for such changes or amendments, each member shall be entitled to one vote only.

LOCATION OF THE CEMETERY.

Every requisition of the statute of the State, in relation to Cemetery Associations, having been fully complied with, the Board of Directors, about the 20th of November, 1848, completed a purchase from Nathan Peck, Esq., of a tract of land in the westerly section of the city, fronting easterly on West street, about 760 feet, and extending westerly about 1000 feet, to the border of the West River marshes, and embracing an area of about 13 1-4 acres. It is situated nearly midway between Oak street on the north, and Davenport Avenue on the south, and is skirted on the west and south by a beautiful copse of woodland, a part of which is included in the purchase, and of the remainder, the refusal has been tendered to the Association, by the same proprietor,—thus affording opportunity for the enlargement of the grounds to an extent of twenty, thirty, or probably forty acres, at the option of the Association.

The area, thus enlarged, would present a considerable variety of surface and scenery, and would unquestionably be susceptible of improvements such as to render it for a long period in the future, a Cemetery (or *sleeping place* for the dead) not only commensurate with the sepulchral necessities of our growing city, but corresponding in appearance and arrangement to the spirit of an advancing age.

It is not expected here ever to rival a Greenwood or a Mount Auburn; and *perhaps*, were it possible, it might not be with us, in *all* respects, desirable. We desire to keep in mind that "Death levels all earthly distinctions." We wish, through the action of this Association, to afford an opportunity for all, whether of *extensive* or *limited* means, to obtain, without inconvenience, a repository for their dead, in a place to which they may freely resort, and add intensity to pious emotions and immortal hopes, by the reflection that there is "one event which happeneth unto all," in that sacred enclosure where the "wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."


IMPROVEMENTS MADE AND CONTEMPLATED.

Immediately subsequent to the purchase, the Secretary, by authority of the Directors, proceeded to the laying out of the grounds of the Cemetery, in accordance with the plan as exhibited on the accompanying map. He had succeeded in grading the Avenues, lining a portion of them with trees, and designating, by posts and stakes, a number of the Paths and Lots, when the setting in of winter interrupted further operations.

It is therefore designed, at a period as early as possible, on the opening of spring, to resume further efforts at improvement, and continue them so far as the funds of the Association shall render it consistent.

Without going into details as to plans for future improvements, the Directors would remark, that the ornamenting of the grounds with a suitable variety of trees and shrubbery, will be kept especially prominent, and that the

planting of a hedge, at an early day, on the front and northerly lines, protected by a suitable fence, will be held of paramount importance.

 As the improvements yet to be made will depend mainly on the sale of lots, it is presumed that those intending to become purchasers will have the sagacity to perceive that their interests, both as individuals and members of the Association, will be mutually promoted by an *early* purchase.

