Minneapolis
Wild Flower Garden
City Park’s Feature

Unique Tract of Blossoms Flourishes in Glenwood Division.

Nearly 500 Plant Species to Be Found in Area of Seven Acres.

Additional Land and More Funds Asked to Develop It Further.

If present conditions are any key to those of the future, Minneapolis seems destined to become a great garden city. Every corner of the city will soon be covered with flowers, and the wild gardens will be more beautiful than ever. The wild flowers of the state are to be found in all parts of the country, and they will not be left without support. The city is already governed by the rules of the American Society of Horticulture, and the city is determined to make the most of its natural advantages. The city is determined to make the most of its natural advantages. The city is determined to make the most of its natural advantages.

Site Is Ideal.

It was an ideal site for such a undertaking. Glenwood park is the largest and most beautiful of the Minneapolis parks. It contains ponds and pools, a variety of soil and slope, and an abundance of flowers. The soil is rich in minerals and the flowers are abundant. The city is determined to make the most of its natural advantages.

Tamarack Swamp’s Feature.

One of the special features of the garden is the tamarack swamp. Too frequently such swamps are left to become a breeding ground for insects and disease. The city is determined to make the most of its natural advantages. The city is determined to make the most of its natural advantages.

Leaves Never Removed.

Fallen leaves are never removed for they supply the useful material for the ground during the winter, in addition to giving the garden a coloring of the forest primeval.

Local students of botany have taken a deep interest in the wild flower garden, and almost any day during the season numbers of them may be seen at Glenwood park studying the wonderful ways of the plants that thrive there. Teachers from the University of Minnesota and the local schools are the faithful chaperones of these floral pilgrims.

No one takes a deeper interest in the garden than Miss Eloise Butler, teacher of botany in the South High school, who was one of the original promoters of the plan, and who has nurtured it with loving care since it was started four years ago. From the beginning and the public platform Miss Butler has told of the garden at Glenwood park until its fame has penetrated far beyond the borders of the state. But she is not content with having it a mere matter of local interest; she wants to see that it is established on a national and even an international basis. She believes the soil at Glenwood and the climate conditions are ideal for the raising of plants that will represent the world’s flora. Her ideal is the Great Gardens in Boston where a specimen of nearly every wild flower on earth is to be found.

There is no reason, she thinks, why the garden at Glenwood park should not surpass even the famous Massachusetts’ institution. For this reason she has asked the park board for an additional grant of land, and for funds to start a garden where the flowers may be grown. Minneapolis may see specimens of the world’s wild flowers without leaving their own city. The proposition is under consideration by the park board.

Pleasure in Outdoor Study.

“As a matter of fact all may find in the study of outdoor life their keenest pleasures, mental and bodily health, and solace in trouble, for nature never betrays the heart that loves her.”

Miss Butler thinks that a building should be erected in the neighborhood of the garden to serve as a meeting place for visitors, for the housing of an herbarium of the flora of the state, for keeping photographs and catalogues of plants and for a reference library of books on nature. “The time is ripe,” she added, “for Minneapolis to emulate and even surpass the example of Boston, New York, and St. Louis in forming an arboretum and botanical garden. Such a garden would add greatly to the fame and beauty of the city, and like the public library and proposed art museums, be a powerful educational and refining influence.”