a lake suitable for a storage reservoir of large capacity. Two sites were selected, one south the other north of Druid Hill Park. The Board after a careful and thorough examination of all the points decided in favor of the southern site. The Park Commission were a unit as to the superior advantages, as it regards utility and beauty, of the southern site, besides the great advantage of bringing the Park nearer the city. All the land for the construction of this lake has been purchased from the different land owners, and the Water Board are now engaged in making preparations to commence the work early in the spring. A steam excavator, similar to one seen in use by the Commissioners, will be used for the heavy portions of the work. A temporary railway track will be laid and cars used for removing the earth. With these appliances the lake will probably be ready for use within a year from the time it is commenced. This lake will cover sixty-five acres of land, and store six hundred million of gallons of water, and when finished will complete the water works, which for elevation, large supply, and purity of water, will compare with any water works in the country.

DRUID HILL PARK.

The Park Commission is constituted of the following gentlemen: Hon. Thomas Swann, Columbus O'Donnell, John H. B. Latrobe, Wm. E. Hooper, and Captain Leslie, and the Mayor. The Commission are all gentlemen of wealth and devote a large portion of their time and experience to the perfecting of Druid Hill Park, and I may say it is a hobby with each one of them.

The natural advantages this beautiful spot presents are unsurpassed. The mansion is nearly finished, and will be ready for a tenant in a short time. The beauty and peculiar adaptation of this building to the public want, must impress every visitor. The lake near the mansion is nearly completed, and will form a most beautiful feature of the landscape. A promenade is now being constructed, which will pass along the margin of the lake

and terminate at the music pavilion, which is now under contract and will be a beautiful specimen of art. The drives recently constructed are of moderate grades and very different from those that were first made, which will be altered when opportunity offers. Walks and paths for pedestrians will claim the attention of the Commission as soon as more pressing matters are disposed of. Great credit is due to A. Falls, Esq., the intelligent engineer of the Parks, for the artistic skill displayed by him in all the improvements now in progress.

By the joint exertions of the Water Board and Park Commission a magnificent lake, extending over sixty-five acres of land, will be constructed within the ensuing year, and will form the grand feature of the Park. The opportunity to combine utility and beauty as in this instance rarely occurs. This magnificent lake, with its surroundings, will bring the Park much nearer the city. The present entrance will be changed to the summit of the hill near the estate of Chauncey Brooks, Esq. An eastern entrance, where the Park joins the city, will be made at Mount Royal Reservoir, which fronts on Boundary Avenue, and will be a great advantage to that part of the city.

The elevation of this new lake will be two hundred and seventeen feet above tide. The elevation of Mount Royal is one hundred and fifty feet above tide. This gives the water a descent of sixty-seven feet in passing from the lake to Mount Royal. It is intended that the water, in its descent from the lake to Mount Royal, shall drive a turbine wheel, which will pump a supply of water into a lake to be constructed in the Park in the rear of the mansion three hundred and forty feet above tide. This lake will give two fountains or jets, one on each side of the mansion, one on the skating lake, and three on the large lake, and in addition to this it can supply residences in the neighborhood of great elevation.

The Park Commission have been forcibly impressed with