

AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF BONSAI
AVAILABLE ON LOAN

The Larz Anderson collection of Japanese dwarf trees was presented to the Arnold Arboretum as a memorial to his friend, Charles Sprague Sargent, the first Director of the Arboretum (see *Arnoldia* 24: 101-104. 1964). This collection of twenty-seven specimens, ranging in age from fifty-six to two hundred and twenty-six years and in height from one to four feet, is on seasonal exhibition out-of-doors in a special lath shelter adjacent to the Dana Greenhouses of the Arboretum. During the winter, the collection resides in a temperature-controlled house in reduced light. In the past, selected specimens have been forced into flower, leaf or spring condition for the early, major horticultural shows and transported to Boston, Detroit, New York and Washington. Although this has enabled many people to see this outstanding collection, it has also had its effect on the specimens themselves, and caused concern among the staff responsible for their care. To protect the Bonsai, yet enable enthusiasts to enjoy these magnificent examples, Mr. Heman Howard has photographed the collection, and a selection of mounted prints is now available on loan.

A total of twenty-six prints, each eleven by fourteen inches, is mounted on standard mounting board with an overall dimension of sixteen by twenty inches. All prints have tabs on the back and can be hung on walls or wire, and each is sturdy enough for self-support on an easel. On the front of each print is lettered the botanical name, the common name and the age of the plant. On the back is additional data on the dimensions of the specimen. Prints of Bonsai of *Acer*, *Chamaecyparis*, *Cryptomeria*, *Pinus* and *Prunus* species are included. The special housing given the plants in summer and winter at the Arnold Arboretum is pictured. Four prints show the Bonsai on exhibition at flower shows in Boston and Detroit.

The collection of photographs will be loaned at a fee of ten dollars for an exhibition period of one week. The prints are mailed in a custom-built and padded shipping case. Mailing should be by parcel post, insured for two hundred dollars. Requests for the loan of this collection should be directed to the Horticultural Secretary, Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130.