



FIG. 2232. MR. THOMAS MERRIAM.

**DEATH OF THOS. MERRIAM.** On the 23rd of November last this eminent botanist and nurseryman passed away. His devotion to the interests of the parks, public schools

and other civic interests of his town, and unselfish labors for the advancement of botanical studies, have already combined to make his name more enduring than brass or marble.

PRESIDENT J. W. BIGELOW of Nova Scotia and his excellent wife were at Buffalo, in the interests of a Nova Scotia exhibit of commercial apples. Of course the famous Gravenstein was most prominent. He pointed out to us several exhibits contributed by enterprising orchardists, as for example Mr. A. C. Starr, who has twenty six acres in apples, which yielded this season 2,500 barrels, and netted \$3000, and who showed 84 varieties of apples and 20 of pears; Mr. Herbert Johnson of Wolfville; Mrs. Olivia Johnson of Wolfville, who is a graduate of the School of Horticulture, and who showed 30 varieties of apples; Mr. Eliot Smith, who showed the finest King and Gravenstein and who prides himself upon growing the finest samples of these varieties in the world; the Provincial Farm at Truro, which showed a fine exhibit of potatoes and some monstrous sugar beets, and S. Blair of Napanee Experimental Farm, who showed 60 bottles of fruit in good condition.

## QUESTION DRAWER.

### Clipping Evergreens.

1265. **SIR**—How often and when should evergreens be clipped.  
London.

J. C.

Generally speaking, we would not advise clipping evergreens, unless to aid in bringing about a symmetrical habit of growth. The fantastic shapes of the topiary garden are curious, but nature's graceful branches are far more beautiful than the form of beer barrels, or pyramids.

Generally speaking, this work may be done at any season, and as often as the owner

pleases, without much injury to the vigor of the tree; but we usually prune evergreens in springtime just before the summer growth begins.

### Club Root.

1266. **SIR**—Kindly give cause of Club Root in cabbage and what will prevent or stop it?  
Port Colborne, Ont.

E. M. MAX.

Club Root is a disease peculiar to cabbage, cauliflower, turnip, and other plants of the same family. One of these, the shepherd's purse, one of our most common weeds, is