

cludes prizes, judges' expenses and advertising. One good result at least was obtained by causing the opening of three greenhouses to the members of the Association, at stated dates during the past winter. These were Mr. Wm. Lunn's, Dr. T. Sterry Hunt's, and Mr. Andrew Allan's. The thanks of the Association are due these gentlemen for their consideration, and the Secretary ventures to hope that they will again open their conservatories the coming winter, and that others will be induced to follow their example. The annual exhibition of the Society took place in the Victoria Rink on the 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd September last, during the second week of the Provincial Exhibition. The exhibition as a whole was an exceedingly fine one, and in one or two respects, especially the outdoor grapes, was far ahead of any exhibit made in this city heretofore. There were 301 plates of outdoor grapes on exhibition, comprising about eighty varieties, many of them new and at least here comparatively unknown. Of the varieties twenty-six were white, twenty-one red and thirty-nine black. It was a pleasing evidence of the interest that the collection excited, to see from time to time visitors, note-book in hand, noting the names and appearance of varieties that interested them. The reason why the grape exhibit this year was so far in excess of that of any other year is owing to the fact that one particular section was open to the world. The sum of twenty-five dollars and the Society's diploma was offered as a first prize, and entries were received without fee. Circular letters were also written to leading grape growers and growers of special varieties in various parts of the United States and Ontario. Some parties responded favorably, and some, owing to the exhibitions in other parts of the country, were unable to do anything. The whole of the grapes exhibited in one section having become the property of the Society for the purpose of examination, a most interesting meeting was held in the Natural History Rooms on the evening of the 5th October. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Burnett, of Pictou, N.S., formerly President of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association; Dr. Hurlburt, of Chelsea, and other gentlemen. The fruit that had been on exhibition, and which, in the meantime, had been preserved in very perfect condition in Mr. George