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question, ought not the growing of vegetables and flowers to be incorporated in our Society. I am not, however, sufficiently convinced to propose such an innovation (as some might suppose it to be), but the suggestion is thrown out, and may be thought worthy of some consideration.

Pear blight which seemed to be the leading question at Geneva, was very fully discussed and with considerable ability, by persons whose personal experience extended from New England to Southern Georgia, with close observation as to climatic changes and test of soils, but really no settled conclusions were arrived at—in fact they seem to be no more settled in opinion as to the cause and cure of this pear tree scourge than ourselves.

Your delegate cannot close this report without referring to the kind and friendly reception met with at the hands of the horticulturists of Western New York, particularly those who proffered to your Secretary-Treasurer and Delegate the hospitalities of their delightful homes.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

A. B. BENNETT.

## REPORTS OF DISCUSSIONS.

### WINTER MEETING.

(Held at Hamilton, February 6th, 1873.)

At eleven, the members met in the City Council Chamber, Rev. R. Burnet, President, in the Chair.

D. W. Beadle, Secretary, being in his place, proceeded with the business set apart for this the winter session. There were some forty or fifty members present from all sections of the Province, who exhibited a deep interest in the proceedings. A number of new members were received, and their names added to the roll.

The meeting having come to order, the Secretary read the minutes of the meeting held in the Board Room, Toronto, Oct. 9th, 1872, which were confirmed.

A large number of apples and other late Fall fruits in excellent preservation were produced by members, and carefully examined. They were also referred to a special committee for further examination.

Mr. Moodie, the delegate representing the Fruit Growers' Association of Western New York, being present, was invited forward and took a seat upon the platform.

He returned thanks, saying that as all fruit growers are genial whenever they meet, he felt as much at home in Canada as in the States.

Mr. Bennett, appointed a delegate to the annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association of New York, which met at Geneva, New York, January 8th last, made his report. (See Report, *ante* page 217.)

Mr. Saunders, Vice-President, having taken the chair, the President read a lengthy report of his and the Secretary's visit to the annual meeting of the Western New York Fruit Growers' Association, held at Rochester, in January, 1872.

### MARKETING FRUIT.

This was the first subject which was upon the programme.

Mr. Moodie, of New York, being called upon, made a few remarks concerning the subject. In Niagara County, from whence he comes, he said that fruit was a staple production, and then to make it marketable it was packed in the most careful and even expensive manner. The fruit was all carefully selected and nicely packed in the best and cleanest barrels or baskets. The chief thing was to get the finest packages possible. It was not too much to put pears worth \$20 a barrel in varnished barrels, for it is the first impression that makes good fruit sell. Some of these barrels had sold for \$35 wholesale. For instance, a certain producer took two barrels