

Nova Scotia, to hold four medals, two silver, one floral gilt, and one gold, granted by the Royal Society for exhibits. The gold medal was taken when Nova Scotia competed with all Her Majesty's colonies for the "best collection of fruits and vegetables." I also hold a silver medal granted to our Association by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for a collection of apples and pears sent to them in the autumn of 1874.

What I have advanced, however imperfectly put together and expressed, owing to my numerous professional and other engagements, will shew that, although Nova Scotia is pretty well to the north, and very far indeed "down east," we nevertheless have soil and climate adapted to the cultivation of staple fruits; and I trust also to have left the impression that we are not wanting in the enterprise, taste, and intellectual culture necessary to the successful and intelligent cultivation of whatever nature, not so kind to us as to more favored regions, has nevertheless placed within our reach. And I feel that such re-unions as this cannot but exercise a beneficial influence in many ways; among others, in making us better acquainted with each other; and we may flatter ourselves that as horticulturists know each other better, they will have cause to respect one another better the more. It will be our aim, Mr. President, to prove ourselves not unworthy of association in the great brotherhood of American horticulturists, so worthily represented in Chicago on the present interesting occasion.

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We have pleasure in directing attention to the excellent likeness of DR. HAMILTON, which appears as a frontispiece to this report.