

Our Apples at Glasgow.

SIR,—On page 506, December number, 1901, of the Canadian Horticulturist, is inserted a letter from the Glasgow (Scotland) Herald of October 6th, that needs correction.

In it the writer says, "while strolling round the Canadian section of the Glasgow Exhibition in July, I came upon the most magnificent display of apples I ever witnessed. Entering into conversation with the gentlemen in charge he kindly explained to me the different varieties, and also allowed me to taste several, which I found to be excellent.

The varieties which he particularly recommended as first rate eating apples, were Alexander, Gloria Mundi, Holland Pippin, Ben Davis, Wealthy, Fameuse, Mann, Spitzenberg and Blenheim Pippin.

I think it will be almost needless to say, that, with regard to that paragraph of his letter, the writer must either have misunderstood what was said or writing from memory, some time afterwards has unintentionally fallen into error.

The largest and showiest apples at the date of his visit have evidently been fixed on his memory, and are placed at the head of his list. The two last, viz. the Spitzenberg and the Blenheim Pippin, were remarkably fine in quality, and much admired and commented on during the whole term of the exhibition.

Another passage in the letter requires explanation, viz., that where it says he was surprised to find that out of fifty varieties exhibited, only three were as yet known in Britain. This also is probably due to a misapprehension.

As very few of your army of readers are person-

ally acquainted with me, I have thought it advisable to draw attention to these misleading passages lest any one should fancy that some inexperienced fellow was in charge of the fruit exhibit at the Glasgow Exhibition.

Grenville, Que.

ROBT. HAMILTON.

News from our Fruit Stations.

Algoma Station. SIR,—At the fall show at Sault Ste. Marie the display of fruit was immense. Collections ran from twenty-five to fifty varieties, all good sound fruit; but the variety that caught the eye or the tables for the immense size and showy appearance, was Alexander.

I have not seen anything to come nearly equal to them in eastern Ontario. There were eight exhibits of this apple, besides those shown in collections. Ben Davis was exhibited for the first time, but judging from the species shown, will be no use here. A number of Russian varieties obtained from Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, were also shown; they were, I should judge, all fall apples and none of them equal to what we already have.

An arrangement might be made to hold our annual picnic here, something along the same line as last season at the Fruit Stations. Our usual attendance at this meeting was from three to five hundred and it is to be held at Richard Landing this year. The usual time is the beginning of August.

The thermometer is twenty-eight below zero here to-day, with bright sunshine; there is about one foot of snow on the ground.

Richards Landing.

CHAS. YOUNG.

OUR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

Orillia.—The annual meeting of the Orillia Horticultural Society was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday evening, the 5th of January. The President, Mr. G. I. Bolster, in the chair. The attendance was satisfactory. The Secretary-Treasurer presented the annual statement of accounts, which showed receipts from all sources of \$239.63, including balance on hand from 1900 of \$60.88. The total expenditure was \$240.45 leaving a balance due the Treasurer of 85 cents. The President read the following report of the proceedings of the year: "With much regret I have to announce to you that since our last annual meeting we have been deprived by the hand of death of our friend and Vice-President, Mr. W. H. Leef. In him we have lost a zealous and valuable member of the Society. I have the pleasure of making the following report of the proceedings of the society during the past year. At the first meeting of your Directors, it was determined that monthly meetings should be held during the year, and the first of these monthly meetings was held on the 12th of February. This proved an interesting meeting and many matters were freely discussed.

It was determined to invite Prof. Fletcher to deliver a lecture some time during the spring; this however, he found impossible to do, but promised to try to meet our views at a subsequent period. A committee was appointed to communicate with the Town Council and the Board of Trade with a view to joint action in the matter of planting and care of street shade trees, boulevards, etc. Both of these bodies appointed committees to meet your committee, and a joint meeting was held, of which Mr. C. L. Stephens was made chairman, and Mr. G. H. Clark, secretary. The matters referred to were fully considered and several recommendations made for the action of the Council; and subsequently the joint committees met the Council and everything recommended seemed to receive favorable consideration and a promise of being carried into effect; but notwithstanding, no steps were taken during the year to carry out the matters agreed upon. A slight improvement in the method of planting street trees was, however, noticeable and with good results so far.

A vote of thanks and congratulations to Mr. Stephens was moved by Mr. Secord, seconded by