

REPORTS ON TREES RECEIVED.

I'm overwhelm'd with grateful feeling,
 Until my mind is past concealing;
 This saying surely you believe,
 "To give is better than receive."
 That book itself, with such a store
 Of information, is worth more
 Than all we give besides the rest—
 Trees, plants and horticulturist.
 And then the trees have done so well,
 Their value I can hardly tell,
 Except the golden grimes by name
 Was dead and dry before it came.
 Then grapes and rasps and seedling glass
 My expectation did surpass.
 If every person did but know
 The gain and pleasure they forego,
 They would come all with such a rush
 Your institution they would crush,
 For it would be in vain to try
 So many thousands to supply;
 Then just keep quiet, or I fear
 You may endanger your career.

WILLIAM BROWN.

With respect to my eight years' experience as amateur fruit grower in the Town and City of St. Thomas, East, Pears for general culture for profit I strongly endorse the (1) Flemish Beauty, (2) Bartlett, (3) Clapp's Favorite, it has blighted some with me. Duchesse as dwarf succeeds well. The Sheldon is a fine flavored pear. The Vicar blighted badly, I had to cut it down. The Clapp's Favorite I received some years since is now a fine tree, has borne sparingly three years. The flavor is exquisite when picked early and ripened in the house. Great care must be taken not to allow them to ripen on the tree, as they rot from the core and lose all flavor. Grapes—I have met with the best success here with Concord and Agawam. I have also fruited the Barry, Merrimac and Salem. The above Rogers Grapes were badly killed on the trellis through the severe frosts of last winter. I also lost many Plums from the same cause. I cannot write well of the Eumelan. I think it a poor, insipid grape. The Burnet is

with me a very slow grower, has not fruited yet. The best point I see in it yet is a very pretty leaf. The Downing Gooseberry thrrove well with me until cut off by frost last winter. I do not think it is to be compared with the Houghton for cultivation, though the Downing berry is larger, I think it lacks the flavor of the Houghton. Lee's Prolific Currants I do not find, after two years' growth, to exceed, if equal, Black Naples. In Crab Apples the Hyslop and Souldard are by far the finest fruiter and growers. The Senasqua Grape of last year did not start. The Ontario Apple has done well in growth, but not fruited yet. In shrubs I can especially recommend Hydrangea Grandiflora for hardiness, length of blooming season and beautiful appearance. I am pleased to write that I received Eight First and Second Prizes at the Southern Counties Fair, 1880, for fruit grown by myself (not collected). My stock of knowledge was gained, to a large extent, from yearly reports and monthly papers of *Horticulturist*. I find the Dominion Strawberry a useful variety, the crop coming in when the Wilson is failing. I believe the Sharpless a good acquisition to our list of good croppers. Excuse lengthiness, from yours truly,

HENRY N. READING,

St. Thomas.

Machinist.

A TIMELY HINT.

A very creditable appearance our little journal makes now. And it is a token for good to see more of our members giving us the benefit of their experience.

"In the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

Some keen observers of cause and effect may be, as wee Scotch hodies say, *a wee bit blate* (don't think the Editor