

MR. J. D. ROBERTSON, GUELPH,
though suffering from the prevailing influenza, was able in January to make no less than five shipments to the United States, and winds up his letter to us with "success to the WORLD'S POULTRY REVIEW."

MR. C. MASSIE, PORT HOPE,
sold his first prize white Wyandotte cock at Port Hope to Messrs. Haycock & Ken., Kingston, for whom he has since won premier place at Montreal, and also headed the pen which won the Sir Donald Smith cup. Mr. Forsythe, of Owego, N.Y., was after the same bird, and in fact the hen, which also won first.

MESSRS. BUTTERFIELD & JARVIS
have already been engaged for next New York show, and the number of classes they take will be increased. Canadians should make a point of supporting United States shows where Canadian judges are employed.

SEND A STAMP FOR REPLY.

We receive annually some hundreds of postal cards asking for information *not of a business nature*. Each reply costs us a three cent stamp, not to mention the trouble. The latter we don't mind, but don't you think the enquirer should bear the former expense? We do, and no enquiries not relating strictly to business will in future be answered unless such is attended to.

MESSRS. HAYCOCK & KENT, KINGSTON,
have bought the first prize golden Wyandotte cock at the late New York show, and he now heads one of their breeding pens.

KINGSTON BREEDERS
did grandly at Montreal, no less than six of the ten cups offered going to that city.

MR. JOHN GRAY, TODMORDEN,
has just shipped the silver grey Dorking cockerel, first Toronto, first Ottawa, to Mr. James Sharp, Wellington, B. C. As he says: "REVIEW did it."

MR. JACOB DORST, TORONTO,
has imported a grand set of Wyandotte cockerel of the "World's Fair strain" to head his pen this season.

EARLY CHICKS
seem plenty this year and eggs are hatching grandly, owing

no doubt to the extremely mild weather so far experienced. In Plymouth Rocks Mr. Bennett reports thirteen chicks from thirteen eggs hatched out on Feb. 18th. These are from the first prize cock at the late Ontario Show. Mr. Bennett's advertisement in the REVIEW, he says, has already brought him several orders for eggs and for a cock to be shipped the middle of March. Mr. Brown of Watford reports eleven fertile eggs out of twelve (due 21st), and also twenty-one out of twenty four, and several others write in the same strain.

NOT INTENTIONAL, OF COURSE.

In the Ontario list Mr. S. D. Smith's (Preston) name appeared the first time just as Smith. This note will correct the omission.

MR. WILLIAM ELLIOTT, OSHAWA,
writes us that the score of his white Rock cockerel at the Ontario show was 92½, and not 91½, as we had it.

IF B. WRIGHT, TORONTO,
who wrote us regarding the borrowing of birds, will send us his address, we will communicate with him.

POULTRY

SUPERFLUOUS MALES.

BY H. S. BABCOCK, PROVIDENCE, R.I.

II.

TO REGULATE the sexes a number of empirical methods have been given, some of them of very respectable antiquity. Both Aristotle and Pliny believed that sex could be foretold by the shape of the egg, one of them affirming that from the long, pointed eggs cockerels only would be hatched and from the rounded eggs pullets, while the other asserted exactly the reverse. It never seemed to occur to these ancient philosophers that a hen almost invariably lays eggs of precisely the same shape, so that one hen could be the mother of cockerels alone, while another could produce only pullets. There must have been plenty of examples of setting the eggs from a single hen and hatching both sexes therefrom, or if there