

* Open Letters. *

The Pearl Gooseberry.

SIR,—The Pearl gooseberry which you sent me has made a fine growth. I am growing an orchard of about four hundred young trees, chiefly Duchess, Yellow Transparent, Tetovsky, and Red Astrachan, and all are doing well so far. Do you know of any hardier varieties than these? Most plums succeed here, and so does the Early Richmond cherry, and all kinds of small fruits. I grow the Wilson strawberry, but intend trying several other varieties next spring. I have ripened the Niagara grape here about the 20th of September, for two seasons. Last spring I planted Worden and Northern Light.

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The Meeting at Kingston.

In response to a letter acquainting Mr. C. R. Wright, the Mayor of Kingston, of our decision to hold the next annual meeting of our Association in that city in Dec., 1896, we have received the following kind reply:

"SIR,—It is with a very great deal of satisfaction that I learned from your letter of the 10th inst., that it is now the intention of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, to hold their annual meeting in our city during the month of December, for this year. It is needless to say that I most heartily endorse the invitation of a year ago from this city. I can assure you the acceptance of our invitation will meet with very great favor by our citizens generally. I have communicated the substance of your letter to the President of the Horticultural Society of Kingston, and your offer to affiliate with them in renewing the interest. I am sure this will be appreciated and you will hear from them on the subject."

Fruit Growing in East Middlesex.

SIR,—I am anxious to make a collection of the best varieties of raspberries adapted for cultivation in this part of the country. I would like to test the following varieties of raspberries:—Champlain, Clarke, Herstine, Delaware, Columbian, Loudon, Miller, Thompson's Early, Prolific, Hornet, Falstaff, Gault, Franconia, Belmont, Ohio Everbearing, Belle de Fontenay, Hudson River Antwerp, Pride of the Hudson, Knevitt's Giant, Marvel of Four Seasons, Superlative. This section of the country is beyond the peach growing region, but by working peaches and apricots on plum stock, and keeping the trees low, not more than six to eight feet high, so that they can be given some kind of winter protection, I think I can grow some of the hardiest varieties. Some of the finest raspberries are too tender for this section, but, by laying them down and giving them winter protection, they do very well. I have for a number of years grown a bed of hybrid perpetual roses. On the approach of winter I lay some brush on them, and on the top of the brush I lay a covering of strawy manure. They invariably come out fresh in the spring, but any branches that are left unprotected are always killed.

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