

ments which are not going to hold out. Our price is \$500 per thousand, but if the public desire to buy other varieties from Rochester or elsewhere, at higher or lower prices, they are quite at liberty to do so, but if they are willing to pay more for what we claim is a better article than is asked for a poorer one, surely they have an undoubted right to do so.

Yours truly,

GEO. F. GALLAGHER.

Our correspondent states that in the spring of 1877 he "obtained *the vine* which we have since named the Beaconsfield." Mr. Menzies, however, says (see page 28) that it was not *a vine*, but 2,500 vines of the Beaconsfield, then called Champion, that he planted in the spring of 1877; so that this vine, called the Champion in 1877, had been cultivated by some one near Rochester in sufficient quantity to be obtained by the thousand. Mr. Gallagher does not say that he bought up the Champion *alias* Beaconsfield, so as to secure the control of the entire stock, hence it is quite possible that the person from whom he procured these 2,500 vines may have some of the same sort left, and which he may now have for sale.

Perhaps the following quotations from a letter received from Mr. J. S. Stone, of Charlotte, near Rochester, N. Y., may throw some light on the source of supply. He says, "by referring to my books I find I first sold to Shanley & Gallagher, (this being the name of the firm at the time),

In April, 1873, 124 two year old Champion vines.

" 1875, 430 " "

" 1876, 300 " "

" 1877, 3500 one, two, and three years old.

"S. & G. had vines of me in 1874, but memorandum is not at hand, cannot state the number."

Again, Our correspondent says, "the Champion and the Beaconsfield differ very materially in their leading characteristics," but does not state in what that difference consists. Mr. Menzies describes the Beaconsfield thus, "ripening fully between 25th of August and the 5th of September. It is very prolific, and of rapid growth; the fruit is large, of a dark purple color, sweet and luscious." Mr. Stone, in describing his Champion, says, "it has proved to be the earliest good grape yet introduced. The fruit is large, black, and fine looking, and of a good quality, ripening from ten to twelve days earlier than the Hartford Prolific with the same exposure; the bunches are large and very com-