



FIG. 1866. MORELLO TREE.

siderable height with little spread of branches. The leaves hang down in somewhat fastigiate habit, and the fruit is borne all along the branches, well hidden among the leaves. The Reine Hortense is by far the finest Duke, but is so different in habit and so immensely superior in size and appearance to the others named, that it cannot be called a typical Duke ; indeed all these divisions are more or less arbitrary and shade more or less into each other. Fig. 1857 shows the bearing

habit of this variety ; the cherries do not hang in bunches, but in ones and twos, an excusable fault in a cherry so large and fine as this one is.

The members of the Board of Control of our fruit stations visited our Orchard on the 3rd of July, and the general verdict was that the Hortense with its load of fruit, was alone worth a journey to see. Our frontispiece, from a photograph by Miss Brodie on the 6th of July, well represents a fruiting branch