

to the best advantage, but it is a good shrub in almost any position, and either grouped with others or standing alone. It is an erect, handsome grower.—*Vick's Magazine for September.*

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

*Transactions* and reports of the Fruit Growers' and International Show Society of Nova Scotia. Our brethren in Nova Scotia are earnest workers and intelligent students of economic pomology, as this very interesting report fully testifies. The paper on the rationale of manuring and pruning an apple orchard, by Henry Youle Hind, M.A., is one of the most suggestive articles that has appeared in a long time, and deserves the careful consideration of every orchardist. Mr. Kimball thinks that plum growing in Nova Scotia is more remunerative than orange growing in Florida.

*Adelaide Jubilee, International Exhibition*, South Australia, 1887, giving the classification, system of awards, regulations for exhibitors, &c. This exhibition is held in commemoration of the Semi-centennial of South Australia's colonial existence.

*Report on Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farm Stations*, with suggestions relating to experimental agriculture in Canada, by Prof. William Saunders, F.R.S.C. A most exhaustive report of some eighty pages, containing a brief account of the agricultural colleges and experimental stations of the United States, of agricultural education and experimental work in Canada, of agricultural colleges, experimental stations and schools of horticulture and forestry in England, France, Germany, Belgium and other countries. It is to be hoped that the suggestions made by Prof. Saunders will receive the attention which their importance demands, and not be allowed to lie unheeded.

*Fertilizers*; where the materials come from, where to get them in the cheapest form, and how to compound them, by J. J. H. Gregory, A.M. This is one of the best essays on the subject of manure that has appeared for some time. It treats of potash, wood ashes, coal ashes, bones, superphosphate, &c., making our own fertilizers, where to obtain fertilizing material at lowest cost, &c., &c. Every farmer and horticulturist would be greatly benefited by a careful study of this pamphlet of some 115 pages. We presume that copies can be had by addressing Mr. Gregory at Marblehead, Massachusetts, U. S. A. We do not know the price.

*The Library Magazine*, monthly part, September, 1886, published by John B. Alden, 393 Pearl street, New York, is filled with selections from reviews and magazines of the ablest papers on topics of interest.

*Report of the Montreal Horticultural Society and Fruit Growers' Association of the Province of Quebec*, E. J. Maxwell, Secretary. The paper on Hardy Fruits in Wurtemberg, by Chas. Gibb, Abbotsford, P.Q., and the Resume of Out-Door of Grape Culture in the Province of Quebec, by Wm. Mead Pattison, Clarenceville, P.Q., are exceedingly interesting. The paper by Mr. Auguste Dufrais, of L'Islet, on Plum Culture, together with that by Chas. Gibb on Plums for Cold Climates, give information of much value to residents in the colder parts of Ontario.

*Report of the Entomologist*, James Fletcher, F.R.S.C., 1885, is full of valuable instruction with regard to our noxious insects. But a broad-bladed knife is too tedious an instrument wherewith to combat the onion maggot where they are grown by the acre, and we trust that Mr. Fletcher will yet be able to discover some more expeditious method of combating this foe.