

special attention to the apple ; but some one is enthusiastic about his (or probably her) grapes ; another prides himself upon his pears ; with another the love for flowers is so ardent that it becomes contagious, in fact epidemic, in the community. A properly organized society compounds these varied horticultural loves, and scatters them broadcast, while it adds the joy of conscious use to every horticultural pet we possess.

The prize lists of these local societies in some departments, at least, should be open to all. With a prize list restricted to our parish our usefulness would have been marred, our growth crippled. To see if other localities have not what we most need, is what we most need to know. We have been able to see the seedlings of adjacent counties only through the labor of visiting their orchards. They who wished have seen ours through a road so easy that it was almost the "royal road to learning" to them. But Missisquoi has organized her Horticultural society, and other counties have expressed their determination to follow her example. Thus our work now becomes co-work, and its usefulness largely dependent upon the hearty action of our *sister* societies.

May we point to a yet further, because a pressing want? Our position in the "cold north" is a peculiar one, not favorable to horticulture. Our list of "tree fruits" is incomplete, and has many blanks. Whence are these blanks to be filled?

(i)—From our seedling orchards, of which we have a large extent.

(ii)—From our isothermic lines, both to the East and West, not excepting Russia.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington (for our good rather than their own, we should suppose) received about ten years ago from St. Petersburg, scions of several hundred varieties of apples, though not all natives of Russia. Many of these are now being tested by Dr. Hoskins, of Newport, Vt., who will faithfully report upon their merits as they fruit.

A. G. Tuttle, of Baraboo, Wis., a few years ago received from the United States Consul, at Moscow, 150 varieties of Russian