

not merely the opinion of the writer, but also that of his fellows who compose the Fruit Growers' Association of Grimsby, and who passed a unanimous resolution at a recent meeting giving Mr. A. M. SMITH honorable recognition, as the one who had done more than any other one man to encourage the development of that most prominent and remunerative of all industries in the Niagara Peninsula, the cultivation of large and small fruits.

Mr. Smith is a native of Brandon, Vermont, and therefore may be looked upon as belonging to that class of "Green Mountain Boys" whose characteristic pluck was so praiseworthy under the conduct of the historic Major Ethan Allan. In 1845 the family removed to the Ridge Road near Lockport, N.Y., where after his public school life was over, and a short term at Yates' Academy, he became an apprentice to the nursery business with the well-known firm of Messrs. E. Moody & Son.

In 1856, becoming acquainted with Mr. C. E. Woolverton, of Grimsby, Ontario, and enamoured with the situation of his farm, lying between the mountain and the lake, as one well adapted for the growth of fruit and of fruit trees, a partnership was established which continued some fifteen years, during which time honest personal dealings with the farmers brought the firm a very large local business. The writer well remembers the general

surprise, when in 1860, a peach orchard of five acres in extent was planted, with such varieties as Early Purple, Early York, Honest John, Early Barnard, Morris White, Early Crawford, Late Crawford, Old Mixon, etc.; and the general exclamation, "Surely you will glut the market!" But time has converted the critics themselves into peach growers, and now almost every farm has its peach orchard. The same was done with strawberry, raspberry and blackberry culture, the possibilities of each being proved by practical results.

He continued his nursery business in other relations at Grimsby until 1883, in connection with branches at Drummondville, Lockport, and St. Catharines; though he moved to Lockport in 1869, to Drummondville in 1872, and St. Catharines in 1880, at which place he now resides.

Mr. Smith was one of the constituent members of the F.G.A. of Ontario, at its formation in Hamilton in 1859; and for ten years has been a director of the same.

We hope to be long favored with the presence of such men at our meetings, who are able to give us the wise counsel resulting from an extended experience. For the benefit of those of our readers who cannot attend, we have had the accompanying engraving prepared from a photograph which faithfully represents his kindly face.

HORTICULTURE AND THE YOUNG.

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IT seems to me that if our children were better instructed and thus made more interested in Horticulture, it would be a great step towards solving the question which we so often hear asked and discussed, "How shall we keep the young folks on the farm?" for we who were brought up there all know

that some of the most pleasant recollections of our childhood are associated with this subject. Who does not remember some favorite apple tree or other fruit tree, under whose shade he reclined when a boy, and listened to the humming of the bees amongst its blossoms, and the songs of birds on its