boon to the country, and in 30 years more we would make much more rapid advances in the improvement of varieties than we have in the past. I hope that a committee will be appointed by this Association to interview the Government upon this subject.

It gives me much pleasure to meet my co-laborers here in the city of Hamilton again, and although I do not see many faces that I met here thirty years ago, it reminds me of them and of the many pleasant meetings we have had here. It reminds me too that many of them have passed away. Only a few of the original founders of this society are left; their places have been filled by other workers, and some of them have been called also. During the past year we have lost one from our board of Directors whose genial, kindly face will be missed by all; ever active in the discharge of duty, cheerful, jovial and true as a friend, the name of John Croil will ever be revered by the members of this Association. We have sustained another great loss in the death of Wm. H. Mills of this city. It was largely through his efforts that we became incorporated and received the Government grant, and although since his retirement from office he has not taken an active part in our meetings, he has had a deep interest in our success, labors and welfare as evinced in his generous donation of his entire stock of his hybrid grape, the Mills, which will be distributed to the members of the Association next spring. Not only this Association but the horticultural world has met with a great loss in the death of Charles Gibb, of Abbotsford, Quebec, whose whole life was devoted to this pursuit, and whose labors and researches have done more to secure fruits adapted to the colder parts of our country than those of any other man. Another prominent horticulturist across the line, to whom we are much indebted and whom many of us knew, and whom to know was to respect and love, and who has done as much probably for this cause as any man in the United States, has gone. I refer to Patrick Barry of Rochester, N.Y., who has long been the honored president of the Western New York Horticultural Society. We mourn with them his loss. Thus one after another of our workers pass away, but the fruits of their labors live after them-more enduring monuments than those of marble or granite-to perpetuate their memory. May their mantle fall on us, and when our work here is finished may those who are left behind point to some rich results of our labors.

On motion it was resolved that this Association hereby express its appreciation of the excellent address just given by the President, and refer the points touched upon to the consideration of a committee hereafter to be appointed.

COMMITTEES.

A nominating committee was appointed to nominate the officers for the coming year, consisting of Messrs. M. Pettit and D. Nichol appointed by the chair, and Messrs. P. C. Dempsey, W. E. Wellington and J. K. Leslie appointed by the meeting. This committee reported as follows:—

President—J. A. Morton. Vice-President—A. H. Pettit. Directors—1, W. S. Turner; 2, John Craig; 3, D. Nichol; 4, P. C. Dempsey; 5, Thos. Beall; 6, W. E. Wellington; 7, M. Pettit: 8, A. M. Smith; 9, J. K. McMichael; 10, A. McD Allan; 11, T. H. Race; 12, N. J. Clinton; 13, G. C. Caston. Auditors—Jas. Goldie and J. M. Denton. After these names had been voted upon seriatim the report was adopted.

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