

Reports Should be Reliable.

SIR,—In the Sept. No. of the HORTICULTURIST, one J. Henderson, of Stittsville, finds fault with the accuracy of my report on fruit prospects in your July Number, with special reference to plums and strawberries. Evidently your correspondent's knowledge of plums is limited to the native wild plum of country gardens and fence rows, which has undoubtedly been much subject to blight of late years, but as I did not mention this type of plum, I fail to see the point of his criticism. The kind of plums I referred to and mention by name, Guei, Pond's Seedling, Glass Seedling and others of that class, as well as the Western forms, DeSoto, Weaver, Cheney, etc., bore and ripened the greatest crop on record in this district, not only in what your correspondent chooses to call my "sheltered cottage garden," which he never saw, but in such exposed situations as the Experimental farm here and many other similar places that I know of. I know of one Glass Seedling, off which the owner sold twelve pailfuls besides what they used. We think that a pretty good crop here.

He is quite correct in saying there was no cold weather in June in the Ottawa Valley. No one said there was. The blooming season of strawberries this year was from the fifteenth to the end of May, during that time we had continuous cool weather, which I thought was the cause of the very uneven fertilization which was so prevalent in this district.

I have always endeavored to have my reports as accurate as possible, never sending in one without consulting with several fruit growers and sometimes writing six or eight letters to growers in the Ottawa Valley, asking for information before making up my report, so that if they are so unreliable and erroneous as your correspondent thinks they are, I am not alone to blame.

R. B. WHYTE.
Ottawa.

Wild Flowers and Women.

Salient characteristics of the American Institutes National Photograph, Flower and Fruit Show at the Academy of Design.

Wild flowers will form one of the most interesting, beautiful and important departments of the national exhibition of photo-

graphs, flowers and fruits, which will be opened Monday, September 26th, by the American Institute at the Academy of Design. Because of the general interest that women take in flowers, and because of the number of exhibits made in the show of amateur photographs by women, the coming novel exhibition will be peculiarly a woman's show.

The exhibition will be opened in the height of the Golden Rod season, and will be timely for other late maturing species of American flowers that are recognized by the many, and that are popular favorites. The veteran authority on horticulture, Dr. F. M. Hexamer, who is the most ardent and active of all his associates in the Board of Managers of the American Institute Fair in organizing the Flower Show, promises that the coming exhibition of native American flowers will be most valuable as a practical botanical lesson and a thing of great beauty as well.

Re Curled Leaf.

SIR,—Mr. J. M. Dickson, of Hamilton, writes, *re* curled leaf and mentions the use of wood ashes. It would be interesting to know how much per tree was applied, time of year exact, if possible, at which application was made, also if the trees owned by the two gentlemen were of the same variety of peach. The latter question seems to the writer a very important one in deciding whether the ashes were or were not a preventive of the curl. As in many orchards this year, as in general some kinds were almost free from curl, while others were completely covered with it.

W. C. ORR.
Winona.

"*Re* peach curl" party claims to have used wood ashes with success in former years on Crawford, Early Alexander and other varieties.

This season, Crawfords treated were unaffected, while Crawford, Elberta and unknown, not treated, were attacked. About one peck of hard wood ashes was applied in early spring, as soon as snow had gone, and dug into the soil at a later period.

I am not a practical fruit grower, and cannot say much about the matter. I might add that I am a practised consumer of peaches.

J. M. DICKSON.
Hamilton.

THE APPLE MARKETS.

Messrs. J. Keltrick & Co. write :

Official statistics are now published regarding the crop in the Home Districts, from which it appears that out of 331 reports, 150 are to the effect that the supply will be an average one.

42 over.
139 under.
so that it may be taken for granted that the

result will be fairly satisfactory. As to the quality, we have no reason to believe the fruit will shew any improvement, consequently we repeat that English Apples will interfere very little with shipments from your side.

One indication of this is the fact that although English fruit is even now on the market, our imported Lisbon Apples are