

EXPERIMENTS WITH STRAWBERRIES IN 1893 AND 1894.



THE following observations are made from the results of experiments made at the Ohio Experiment Station at Wooster, during the two seasons, 1893 and 1894. A more complete discussion will be given in a bulletin which will include descriptions and results, with many new sorts sent by originators for trial.

Beder Wood (perfect).—This has some merit as an early variety, but the foliage is subject to rust and the berries are too small to suit the demands of most markets.

Cyclone (perfect).—A new variety, grown three seasons at the Ohio Station, but not generally disseminated. The plant and fruit resemble the Haverland, but the berries are rather broader and shorter. Having perfect flowers and being similar to Haverland and Crescent, it can be recommended for planting with these varieties. It is quite early and yet continues long in bearing, and holds up in size quite well to the last. It should be given a trial generally.

Enhance (perfect).—In many respects a desirable variety, being prolific and having perfect blossoms. The berries are ill-shaped and quite acid. For canning and distant market it can be recommended.

Greenville (imperfect).—This has been on trial several seasons and is now quite generally disseminated. It has always been satisfactory at the Ohio Station, and seems to suit growers for near market. It is not firm enough for long shipments, but its freedom from disease, its prolificacy, fine appearance and good quality make it one of the best for home use and for near market. It is worthy of general trial.

Lovett (perfect).—This has been sufficiently tested to determine that it has merit. The plants are healthy and prolific, the berries average above medium size and it must be rated as reliable. It is a good companion for Crescent or Haverland.

Michel's Early (perfect).—Very early, but too small, soft and unproductive for general cultivation. A few may be planted for home use and when earliness is a desirable quality, but in any case the plants should be kept thin in the row.

Muskingum (perfect).—Somewhat like Bubach in being difficult to start, which often makes it disappointing. When well grown it is one of the most satisfactory of the perfect flowered sorts for home use and near market.

Marshall (perfect).—Plants vigorous and free from disease, but only moderately prolific. The berries are large, beautiful and of good quality, making it a desirable sort for amateurs and for those who cater to a market for fancy berries. For the ordinary commercial grower it will probably not prove more profitable than the best standard sorts, but that there is place for it can hardly be doubted.