

These reports are issued annually at a very low figure (the present one being one shilling and sixpence) and are besides forwarded free to all contributors. In them is given a record of the insects which have been most noticeable during the period which each one covers, and together with a plain and easy description of each species, and figures of many, precise instructions are given as to the best remedies and the means of employing them. The talented authoress must be congratulated on the skill she has displayed in treating her subject. While scientific exactness and precision have been maintained, the different insects have been described in such a manner that any agriculturist into whose hands the reports may come will be able to recognise his insect foes with ease. The knowledge accumulated during the previous year is arranged under the heads of the different plants infested, after the same convenient plan as that followed by our worthy President in his invaluable work, "Insects Injurious to Fruits."

In the report before us we have an account of observations on insects attacking the apple and pear, the cabbage and turnip, with special mention of some *Anthomyians*, from which we also suffer, and concerning which it would appear that the attack is worst where rank, fresh farm manure is used, and that the best remedy is gas-lime. We then have carrot and celery insects, also a long account of the pests attacking cereals and grasses, of which the Crane Flies (*Tipulæ*) seem to have been the worst depredators, followed by the Wheat Midge (*C. tritici*) and Wire Worms (*Elateridæ*). Some insects which more or less attack the gooseberry, raspberry and strawberry, are treated of, and under mangold wurzel we find an account of the Beet Fly, *Anthomyia Betæ*, which has been very prevalent in Canada during the past season, attacking the leaves of the beet-root by burrowing large unsightly burrows beneath the epidermis. Under onion we find an account of another of our too well known enemies, the Onion Fly (*A. ceparum*), and the simple remedy of keeping the bulb well covered by earthing up is recommended. The Hop Aphis, which has been the cause of very heavy expenditure in England during the past summer, is treated separately in an appendix which had been distributed sooner than the general report, so as to elicit as much information as possible at the time when it would be most useful. In addition to the above there are articles on False Wire Worms (*Julidæ*), which had been found injurious to beans; and on Slugs (*Limacidæ*), which eat everything, and lastly, there is an attack on that poor, but self-assertive scape-goat, the English Sparrow.