

# NOTES FROM THE TWENTY-THIRD BIENNIAL SESSION OF THE AMERICAN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—I.



O a northern grower the exhibit of fruit was one of much interest, owing to the great variety embraced, and the variations noted in the same fruit when grown under different conditions. Apples from Minnesota, peaches from Delaware and Connecticut, persimmons from Georgia, oranges, lemons and pineapples from California and Florida met the apples of Maine and the pears of New England. Minnesota fruit resembles, in high color and smooth skin, our Canadian apples, presenting a strong contrast to the green and cloudy looking specimens from Virginia and other southern States. One could not help wishing for a collection of our brilliant colored varieties with which to give tone and brilliancy to the general exhibit by way of contrast.

Among the newer varieties of apples exhibited, McMahon's White from Minnesota and Wisconsin (it having originated in the latter State) attracted much attention and favorable comment, owing to its very large size and golden waxy color with bright blush on the sunny side. In quality it ranks with Duchess, and in season with Wealthy. The tree is strictly hardy at Ottawa, and exceptionally vigorous. The fruit may not be suitable for distant shipment, but the planting of this variety should certainly be encouraged in the north. Ostrekoff's Glass, a Russian apple grown in Minnesota, is also worthy of notice, valuable on account of its hardiness; season early winter. Maine exhibited a number of seedlings of great promise, and it will be my endeavor to obtain these for trial here as soon as practicable. Hibernial received good words from Minnesota growers as an iron-clad stock for top working.

Among the newer grapes, Munson's Brilliant was the most striking, and from size of bunch, berry, and also judging from its fine quality, it will undoubtedly receive attention in grape growing districts; in color and form of bunch, it resembles Brighton. August Giant, Secretary, Jewel, and Empire State are not likely to be widely planted. Green Mountain or Winchell and Ulster Prolific are much more promising.

Pears. Magnificent specimens of Keiffer pears were shown from Georgia, two of which I have laid on the scales and find that they weigh 16½ and 17 ounces respectively. The Lincoln pear was exhibited, an attractive looking variety about the size of Flemish Beauty, but evidently later, and of fine quality.

Mr. J. H. Hale, South Glastonbury, Conn., exhibited a considerable quantity of Excelsior peach, claimed by him to have fruited heavily and annually when the buds of all others had been killed by late frosts; fruit medium in size, quality equal to Crawford.

Interesting collections of citrus fruits were exhibited by Rev. Lyman Phelps,