

stroys a work which the highest art could not invent, or man's best skilled hand construct. There was not a leaf quivered on the trees which stood under the domes of the Crystal Palace but eclipsed the brightest glories of loom or chisel; it had no rival among the triumphs of invention, which a world went there to see. Yes; in His humblest works God infinitely surpasses the highest efforts of created skill."

JOHN CROILL.

Aultsville, Feb., 1884.

WINTER MEETING OF THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

MR. EDITOR, - I beg to congratulate the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association on the very successful meeting held here last week. The discussions that took place on the various subjects mentioned in the programme were listened to with deep interest by a large number of our townspeople and farmers, and fruit-growers of the county of Oxford. The original papers contributed and read by their authors were excellent, and I am sure must make the report of 1884, to be published next year, very desirable and valuable reading matter.

The large amount of practical and useful information based on the experience of the various speakers that was elicited during the two days that the meeting lasted, must be of very great benefit indeed to the country generally, and especially to this neighborhood. The interest and value of the meeting was very much increased by the presence of the American delegates from Western New York and Michigan. Those gentlemen, I believe, are large and successful fruit-growers, and were always ready, when appealed to by our excellent President, to give the meeting the benefit of their experience and observation, and that too in so pleasant and agreeable a manner as to make the infor-

mation still more valuable. I can assure you, sir, that the people of Woodstock and vicinity have a more lively appreciation of the usefulness of the Fruit Growers' Association than they ever had before. Several farmers have since informed me that it was the best thing they ever attended in our town, and are anxious to know when we may expect another such meeting.

Yours truly,

T. H. PARKER.

Woodstock, 9th Feb., 1884.

FRUIT GROWING AT CAPE ELIZABETH.

DEAR SIR, - In answer to your favor of the 8th inst., I must say I am not a successful grower of the larger fruits, still I shall be pleased to give you an account of my failures and successes. When I took up land my first wish was to have an orchard growing whilst the other clearing was going on, so when the first two acres were cleared and fenced I sent up from Toronto one hundred apple trees, about five of each of the best sorts I could then read of, five plums, five pears, five cherries, five crabs, one hundred currants, two hundred strawberries, one hundred raspberries. Of the one hundred apple trees five only, all the *Duchess of Oldenburg*, have borne, and for several years they have produced fine fruit. Most of the others were killed out the first season, but about twenty froze to or near the ground and have grown up and been frozen down annually. Several I re-grafted, of which three will succeed.

The plums were all frozen down below the grafts, but have since grown up to trees and produce good preserving fruit, although only wild plums of various qualities. The pears and cherries were all too delicate. All the crab apples did well, and I have had bushels from them the past few seasons. The best sorts are the *Montreal Beauty* and