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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Mr. Wixson's stirring letter in another column reaches us at a most opportune moment, and will assist us in making our annual "bow" to our many readers; to one as modest as we are (?) at any time no easy task. For favors received during the past year, and for many kind words expressed to us both orally and through the medium of correspondence, which expresses to our mind forcibly that our efforts to advance the Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock interests are being appreciated, we beg to tender our most sincere thanks. Such appreciation as we have received is encouraging to us, and spurs us to redouble our efforts during the year of 1888. We hope to let our readers know a little more of our intentions in our January issue, but may here be allowed to say that the REVIEW for 1888 will exceed anything heretofore attempted in Canada, and with the united aid of our Canadian fanciers, supplemented by the assistance of various sources throughout the world, we hope to reach a place fully equal if not superior to any fancy journal published. Our motto shall be, "CANADA FIRST, then—the world." We shall issue a double edition of our January number, and when each reader opens his paper we think every one will say, "the best yet."

The Ontario Poultry Association are working hard on the list of specials,

and, report says, successfully. We expect to see a large show in London this year.

A feature of the St. Catharines show will be a fifty dollar silver pitcher for the best collection of poultry, offered jointly by the President and Secretary. We may expect some large entries to compete for this.

Mr. Wm. Sanderson has again taken hold of the helm at Stratford, Mr. Davis having resigned the secretaryship. Mr. Sanderson writes us that their show is going to be the most successful yet held by this Association, and everything, so far, is progressing most favorably. The following judges have been appointed:—Mr. Buck takes the Asiatics; Mr. Butterfield Games, Leghorns, Spanish, Minorcas, all varieties Bantams and Turkeys, Ducks and Geese; and Mr. McClelland the balance of the poultry. We are pleased to see so many judges appointed, which should result in the cards being up within a reasonable time. The individual prizes have not been increased over last year, but the list has been greatly extended.

The Owen Sound and County of Grey Poultry Association, through its secretary, reports everything booming so far. The prize list is completed. The enquiries for lists and promises of large exhibits are altogether ahead of former years. The Town Council, and inhabitants of Owen Sound generally,

are giving their substantial support to the show. The County Council are also expected to give a grant to aid the exhibition at their December session. The Association are arranging for more accommodation, and viewing the matter in all its phases the outlook is very promising. This being the only show where I. K. Felch will judge in Canada this winter, and the date being so early, will give exhibitors a very valuable opportunity to ascertain the rating of their birds for future shows.

Through a clerical error the classes for White Minorcas, Black Minorcas, White Plymouth Rocks, and White Wyandottes were omitted from the list of the Grimsby Association. The Secretary assures us that these varieties will receive the same prizes as any others in the list; and that fanciers not receiving any notice of it prior to this may take or send their birds along, and enter them up to the first day of the exhibition.

By-the-way, it seems almost superfluous on our part to say that *all* shows this winter will be judged by the scoring system, but the idea having got abroad that such would not be the case at the Grimsby Association show, the Secretary wishes it to be distinctly understood that *all* specimens not disqualified will be scored.

The American Poultry Association meets at Indianapolis, Ind., for the re-