

Several gentlemen asking to hear from Alderman Raymond, he responded as follows
 Alderman RAYMOND: I must thank you for your kind and flattering introduction of myself, which adds to my embarrassment in the few words I may have to say of welcome to the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario. I believe in the remarks of our worthy Mayor with regard to the city in which we live and we welcome to it the Fruit Growers' Association with joy. We are glad that they will hold their annual meeting in our city. The Association which meets here is certainly an important one, and, judging from the address of the President, is one which is doing very good work, not only adding to the health, happiness and comfort of our people, but adding to the wealth of our country. The export of fruit from our country is constantly larger. Perhaps the cultivation of fruit may in some degree make up to the farmers for the losses which they now experience from the falling in the prices of wheat and oats.

One part of the business of the Fruit Growers' Association is to prevent the spread of fungi and insect pests in the orchard, and in this I may say I wish them every success. It is said that he is a benefactor who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before, but he who can make two strawberries grow in the place of one is a still greater benefactor. I would wish the Association every success in their deliberations in Brantford. The President has said that he came from the garden of Ontario. While perhaps the Grimsby district is noted for the growth of fruits, we think that no part of Ontario is more charming than that which surrounds Brantford and I hope, as one result of your deliberations, that more fruit may be grown in this vicinity.

The "*Silent Land*" (Gaul) was impressively rendered by the vocal class.

T. H. RACE (Vice-President).—The duty that devolves upon me first is to join with the President in thanking you for the very cordial greeting which we have received to-night and for the very excellent treat we have had in the music rendered by the pupils. I know you have a beautiful town. There are three or four things which weigh with me very largely in making up the character of any town or locality. When I find the people of any community patronize and support well the churches, when they produce the very best newspapers and when they have large and prosperous vineyards and orchards of fruit I take it for granted that this people are to be commended. I was very much pleased in looking about this town to see that you have given so much attention to beautifying the homes, and that besides being fruit growers you give a great deal of attention to floriculture, for I believe that the cultivation of flowers has a great moral influence.

The vocal class rendered "*Ye Banks and Braes*."

The Rev. Dr. COCHRANE, after some happy allusions to previous speakers, tendered a hearty welcome to the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario. It was one of the characteristics of Brantford that its many comfortable homes were adorned with flowers, and its parks and streets gave evidence of the love of the beautiful in Nature possessed by its people. The humblest dwellings had their little gardens and flower-beds, and even the children in our schools rivalled each other in flower-gardening. He believed that there was a close connection between the love of the beautiful in Nature and the love of the beautiful in Morals, and the man who saw God in Nature and admired Him in His works would also be found of the highest style of character. Dr. Cochrane referred to the fact that Canadian horticulturists might profitably engage in fruit growing, as the English market was open to receive all the larger fruits they could send, at prices more remunerative than now received for staple cereals. He trusted that the present meeting would be a profitable one, and that they would continue to receive both from private individuals, and the Ontario Government that support which the importance of the Association demanded.

The vocal class rendered in excellent style a magnificent selection entitled "*The Last Judgment*," accompanied by the pianos and organ.

JOHN CRAIG: I wish to say on behalf of the Directors and members of this Association that this evening's entertainment has been a remarkable opening for our meetings and I move a vote of thanks to the worthy principal of this Institution and his class, who have so ably entertained us.

MURRAY PETTIT: I second the motion. I think this musical entertainment reflects very great credit upon the management of this Institution. The motion was carried.