

REPLY BY J. H. MORTON, WINGHAM.

No appreciable benefit, unless first calcined, as the lime contained in the shells is their chief value, the very small proportion of phosphoric acid is not in a condition immediately available as plant food. Being powdered, calcining will be difficult, and if any other economic purpose can be found for them, we would not advise their use as a fertilizer, as the same quantity of available plant food can be supplied at less trouble and expense.

Review.

We will gladly give our candid opinion of any books, magazines or catalogues received, especially if they are likely to interest or benefit Canadian fruit growers, but will not insert cut and dried reading notices in favor of any publication whatever.

A. B. C. OF BEE CULTURE. A Cyclopaedia of everything pertaining to the care of the honey-bee. By A. I. Root. Medina, Ohio, 1887. Price, \$1.25.

A book of over 300 folio pages, and containing about the same number of excellent illustrations. The subjects are all treated in a complete and systematic manner, and are arranged alphabetically, so that a person needing information on any subject connected with bee culture, can immediately turn it up, without the loss of time which is incurred in looking through various books and papers.

SMITHSONIAN REPORT. 1885. Part I. Being the Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, showing the operations, expenditures and condition of the Institution to July, 1885. Also,

THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. 1882 to 1887.

Both these volumes came through the Smithsonian Institution.

GUELPH SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY. Report of the Secretary for the first year (1886), with an

abstract of papers read at the regular meetings. James Goldie, President; Robt. Gausby, Corresponding Secretary.

CATALOGUES.

FALL CATALOGUE of Rare Bulbs, Plants and Fruits. 1887. John Lewis Childs. Floral Park, Queen's Co., N.Y.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE of Northern Grown Fruit and Ornamental Trees grown by J. H. Wismer, at his nurseries, in Port Elgin, Ont.

Humorous.

Guest (rising excitedly from the table, after tasting an olive for the first time), "It's sorry I'd be to disturb the hilarity of the meeting, but I believe some joker's been salting the gooseberries!"—*Judy*.

"Speaking about the artist who painted fruit so naturally that the birds came and pecked at it," said the fat reporter, "I drew a hen that was so true to life, that after the sage threw it into the waste basket, it laid there."—*Peabody Reporter*.

A Washington lady, was canning and pickling peaches, and her little two-and-a-half-year-old daughter was endeavoring to assist her in every available way. Finally a package of whole cloves was produced, which were to be inserted in the fruit for spice, when the little one suddenly exclaimed: "O mamma, let me put in the tacks!"—*Farm and Fireside*.

"Sam, you are not honest. Why do you put all the good peaches on the top of the measure and the little ones below?" "Same reason; sah, dat makes de front of your house all marble and de back gate chiefly slop bar'l, sah."

○ This the apple, large and round,
That always on the top is found.

○ This is the apple, small and mean,
That's of'en at the bottom seen!