

ed by our many excellent exhibitions, and not least to the entire poultry press of Canada and America, which occupies a worthy and prominent position among the literature of the present day. We trust our readers will consider that the end of these Agricultural Fairs is intended to be instruction and amusement combined, in the most attractive and practical form and by taking advantage of both in a reasonable way, reap a store of knowledge, and have heaps of fun besides.

Detroit's Great Fair.

THE first Annual International Exhibition has proved an unqualified success, and certainly it is no more than is justly due to such efforts as have been made to bring all things in connection with it, as nearly to perfection as possible. It is very rare in the history of exhibitions that the first year finds every department and detail so complete as was the case at Detroit's great fair. The buildings are magnificent and imposing in style, and the grounds in excellent condition.

There is no doubt that this first success is but an earnest of future triumphs. And next year will afford ample proof of the opinion excited by this year's success and when the knowledge of what has been accomplished is freely disseminated. The promises made by the directors have been completely fulfilled, everything in connection with this great fair was done on a princely and generous scale, and we bespeak for their second year even a greater measure of success. The grand city, and the delightful trips by water makes Detroit a most enjoyable spot to hold one of the greatest fairs that the future has in store for us.

Best Breeds for Eggs.

G. MITCHEL.—Will you please let me know through the Poultry Weekly, soon, if there is such a thing as a hinge for hen house doors inside as will let the door open both ways when walking against them with pails, or wheel barrow, in cleaning out. I have put up a house 60 feet long by 12 wide, all double boarded with cedar lumber and tar paper also shingled. The foundation is drained all round with a 24 feet ditch and filled with small stone within 6 inches of top. The high side facing west forms part of the barn yard. So I had to put the windows in the lowest side. This is not the way it is

done on paper but I hope to get eggs all the same as I count more on coal oil and the white wash brush. 4 windows 12 panes each 10x12. I can have 4 rooms 15 feet each; have I made any mistakes? I could have one large window in south end yet if needed. Please give us a little more discussion on the hen, for the most eggs. We can hardly sell our fine Brahma eggs at 25 cents a dozen, while we paid \$2.00 last year. (Farmers want eggs.)

Molesworth

You will do better to have one window in your house at least facing south to catch the warmest and longest part of the sunlight. You will never sell your eggs round home to the best satisfaction, try an advertisement; say a breeders card for the year. Let me acquaint you of a fact on advertising some two years ago. Mr. J. W. Bell of Banda, paid a very high price for one of the best pairs of Bronze turkeys I ever saw. He could not sell eggs from these or young stock round home for anything like the price he knew they were worth; and was getting discouraged we advised him to exhibit and to advertise; but being a modest fellow, did not make up his mind till last year, and showed at Toronto two birds, winning with them a first and a third prize; thus encouraged he advertised, and now cannot fill orders.

MORAL.—Let the public know what you have to sell by advertising. We must beg friend Bell's indulgence for this and are sure we shall get it.

Our correspondent wishes us to enlarge on THE BEST BREED FOR EGGS. While we do not claim that any one is the best, there is, as every honest breeder will allow, a very great difference in the way of egg production, in the several varieties. In some breeds there is no inherent extra laying qualities; the Cochins for instance must be bred for layers by careful selection, they are not, (as a family) great layers. In the hand of careful poultrymen the Brahma is a good layer; but if neglected develops too much fatty tissue, and thus we hear of poor layers among that majestic race. Coming down to the middle weight breeds some of which are easily disposed to lay on fat, to the destruction of their egg producing power, yet if given plenty of exercise and hard scratching, for their living, they are good egg producers the year round. So you will understand that so much depends