

But we have not yet enumerated all. Her total collection of fruit was so large, and of such fine appearance, as to astonish every one; and the judges expressed their admiration of its beauty and excellence by bestowing another Silver Medal upon Ontario for the entire collection.

In addition to these awards for the Provincial collections, there was awarded to the President of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario a Bronze Medal, for his own fine and varied private collection of pears grown in his own grounds.

Thus it will be seen that Ontario comes off with flying colours, having been awarded Six Medals, four of them silver and two bronze, and of these two at least were won in earnest, downright competition with each and all of the States of the American Union.

These competitions have a value in bringing before the world the fruit productions of different States, and we doubt not many will be surprised to learn the high place we really hold among the fruit growing countries of this Continent.

A Delegate from Philadelphia made a statement relative to the coming Centennial, which is to take place in that City in 1876. He said that the Commissioners of Fairmount Park had assigned 300 acres for that purpose, some 39 of which would be devoted to the Horticultural Department. He sought the co-operation of the Pomological Society. It would be well for Canadian fruit growers to begin early to prepare for this grand display. I notice that Count Bismarck, of Germany, has promised the countenance and aid of his Government, and that of His Majesty the German Emperor, to forward the objects contemplated. Canada ought not to be behind, and now is the time to prepare.

A grand Banquet was given on Friday evening, in the Music Hall, by the Mass. Horticultural Society, to the Delegates of the American Pomological Society. The Hall was transformed into a scene of festivity and fairy-like splendour. "The fragrant offerings of Flora, and the luscious fruits of Pomona; the bright colours of the northern conservatories, and the dark, feather-like foliage of tropical growth; the brilliancy of flashing silver, relieved by delicate twining vines; the elegant costumes, bright faces, and sparkling eyes; the deep tones of the great organ, and the sweet strains of the Germanic orchestra, combined to please the eye and the ear, and gratify that finer taste in which cultured men and educated women find the highest delight."

W. F. Strong presided; and after a speech of kindly welcome to the members of the American Pomological Society, and to the guests, he gracefully requested the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder to preside, which he did, giving universal satisfaction.

Sentiment, song, speech, and response followed in quick succession, after the viands and delicacies had been done ample justice to by all present. Your President and Secretary were honoured with a position near to the place of honour on the platform.

The main attraction of the hall was a large table, which ran lengthwise of the floor from the centre of the platform, and was covered with the most elaborate silver ware as an appropriate offering to the silver anniversary of the Society, in whose honour the banquet was given. Tall flower stands of solid silver, wrought into the most perfect semblance of the ferns and floral ornaments they upheld; brilliant candelabras of silver, and all of the necessary accessories of the table, made of the same precious metal, were festooned and linked together in the most graceful designs, with graceful cables of smilax, which sprang from the nicely arranged pyramids of flowers placed at regular intervals. Tall ferns and palms waved their delicate green foliage above the heads of the passing throng, and the sides of the hall were bordered with a variety of variegated plants and flowers.

Governor Washburn, Mr. Shaeffer, of Pennsylvania, Mayor Pierce, of Boston, Governor Furness, of Nebraska, the Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, the Hon. M. Daniels, of Virginia, Dr. George B. Loring, your President, Judge Schley, Rev. Dr. Parker, London, England, Mr. Meehan, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Rowe, of New York, took an active part in this glorious reunion of horticulturists.

The Hon. Marshall P. Wilder gave a brief address, and expressed his thanks for the various congratulations bestowed upon him and the Association.

Friendly farewell greetings having been indulged in, the Delegates and guests departed, carrying with them the most pleasant reminiscences of the Quarter Centennial celebration of the Pomological Society at Boston.