

## RAMBLES AMONG FRUIT GROWERS.—IV.

### THE WESTERN NEW YORK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

THIS old and respectable Society met at Rochester on the 25th and 26th of January. The writer, as a representative of our Association, was most cordially received by such men as W. C. Barry, Charles Green, S. D. Willard, J. S. Woodward and others.

An interesting feature of the occasion was a presentation to Mr. P. Barry, the honored president, of a beautiful cup as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the members. It was unfortunate that he could not be present owing to ill-health, but his son, Mr. W. C. Barry, responded in suitable terms to the presentation.

The following are a few among the items of information which we gleaned from the meeting.

#### CHERRIES.

*Which are the most profitable for home use and for market?*

Mr. Willard—I would name the Montmorency as the best acid cherry—not the large variety, but the Montmorency Ordinaire. I would also name the Montmorency as the best for home use. It is larger, better, and more productive than the Early Richmond.

For a dark, sweet cherry, for home use, I would place the Windsor ahead of all others.

For an acid market cherry I would name the Montmorency and English Morello. The Montmorency hangs long on the tree and the birds do not injure it.

For a sweet cherry for market, I would name the Windsor as the most profitable.

I shipped some Windsor to Philadelphia last summer and they sold for fourteen cents per lb. The Windsor is also very free from rot.

Mr. Green said a friend had grown the Louis Philippe with great success.

Mr. Willard said Schmitz Biggareau was one of the very good dark sweet cherries which had lately been introduced. The Montmorency is as yet unrivalled for market purposes, often paying at an average of \$10 per tree.

#### PLUMS.

*Which are the best varieties for market?*

Mr. Willard.—My choice six for market would be (1) Reine Claude, though somewhat tender; (2) French Damson; (3) Quackenboss; (4) Lombard; (5) Bradshaw; (6) Stanton. The latter is productive, late, and of good quality; it has a beautiful bloom, and is about the size of the Lombard.

#### PEACHES.

*Which are the best of the newer introductions?*

Mr. Willard said that the Early Rivers was proving itself among the best of the early peaches. Hyne's Surprise from Texas is a fine peach, being of the same season as the Alexander, which it much resembles, but it is a free stone. Stephen's Rareripe is growing in favor, and has come to stay. Cases are known of its being shipped east and bringing \$4.00 per bushel. It is a little later than the late Crawford. The Salway ripened a wonderful crop last year, but it has a tendency to overbear. It is in good demand.

The Sturtevant peach is far superior to the Early Barnard. Mr. Willard would prefer one of them to a half dozen Early Barnard at any time. The Foster is a fine peach, but at Geneva it is a sparse bearer.