

GEORGE MITCHELL'S EXPERIENCE.

It seems that we have been guilty of a very gross breach of journalistic etiquette in publishing Mr. Mitchell's letter, page 204, entitled "Experience in starting a fruit farm." In that letter he speaks in not very complimentary terms of a brother editor, and we failed to draw the pen through his name, which we ought to have done, and we are very sorry that we did not, and now to make the *amende honorable* as far as it is in our power to do so we publish his communications on the subject, although he says they were not written for publication.

Office of Purdy's Fruit Recorder and Cottage
Gardener, and Palmyra Nurseries,
Palmyra, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1884.

DR. BEADLE, Sir,—I am surprised to find you opening your paper to such an attack on me and my business. This man Mitchell ordered stock with the knowledge that my catalogue plainly states that I must have the privilege of substituting other sorts equally as good in case I should be out of any sort. I have repeatedly stated that if any substitutes I made were not satisfactory I would make them so. Your allowing such an attack on me and my business is something I have never yet seen or heard of in any horticultural paper. I could print page upon page to shew what kind of stock I have received from such men as Parry, Collins, Lovett, Roe, and others, but I do not think I have the right to do it. I had always looked upon you as a friend; but this breach of etiquette in journalism shows me my mistake. There is another side to this matter of Mitchell's but I do not care to waste ink about it, nor neither do I write this for publication.

Respectfully,

A. M. PURDY.

The same mail brought the following post card, addressed Dr. Beadle, St Catharines, Prov. Ont.:—

Office of A. M. Purdy's Fruit, Farm and Recorder,
Palmyra, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1884.

You will probably find that the *Recorder* with its 20,000 circulation has about as long a handle as your little *Horticulturist*,

with its 800 to 1,000 circulation, and you may find that you have not always given full satisfaction in your trade.

Very truly, &c.,

A. M. PURDY.

Now we hope that our readers, though comparatively few in number, will understand after this that our brother Purdy is an honest, straightforward man; that he does just as he advertises to do; and surely no man can ask more. And further, we wish our correspondents to understand that, having the fear of the long handle of the *Fruit Recorder* before our eyes, we shall be very watchful hereafter, and not allow any complaints against brother Purdy to slip into the *Canadian Horticulturist*. If they have any grievance of this kind they must ventilate it elsewhere. We trust they have sufficient consideration for their Editor to be willing to forego the satisfaction of airing their complaints before the few readers of our little *Horticulturist*, when by doing so they will be exposing all our business transactions to the gaze of twenty thousand people. A word to the wise is sufficient.

NOTES ON SOME NEW FRUITS.

CORRECTION, BY HON. M. P. WILDER.

We are under obligations to our venerable correspondent for calling our attention to a blunder which has been made in the printing of his letter on page 207, and we wonder that it escaped our notice when reading the proof.

The names of the Prince and Primo strawberries should be transposed. It will then read, as written by Mr. Wilder: "The Primo Strawberry is large, uniform, late, very good, and prolific; the Prince (of Berries) handsome, productive, and of high flavor."

The venerable President adds that in speaking of the Marlboro' Raspberry he wrote, "and if hardy it will be an acquisition."