

you get that Scotch dictionary we have promised you :

" Dinna greet faither."

But a tear dropped frae her ain bonnie blue ee, and the two wept together.

Kind words of sympathy to the sorrowing, and good advice to all, was given by the Rev. Dr. Potts, of Montreal. He counseled them to carry with them to their new homes all they had been taught that was good in the land they loved so well. The land you're going to is a goodly land, he said ; but as you keep us closely to our text, sir, here we leave the little band of sea-girt worshippers, and endorse the words : It's a goodly land, this Canada of ours. In few parts of our fair world does the industrious hand find so liberal a return of good things. If we don't have this it's because we fail in the means to obtain it.

A retrospect of the past brings to the minds of us all many failures ; but as some one wisely remarked at our late meeting, have not our greatest successes often resulted from the study of our failures ? Success sometimes kills. After counting the profits of that extraordinary crop of fruit or vegetables, has not the first idea been to go into it two-fold next year, but how often the result has been different we all know. The season, the soil, the seed, causes many and unknown had to do with it, but the effect was a poor crop.

Have you failed in some of the novelties of the day to sustain the reputation heaped on them ? If you have not, it is because you have been more cautious than some of your neighbors. That strawberry lauded as beautiful and productive, doomed to be the coming one of the season, when you went to gather the fruit, where were the bunches that looked so well on paper ? Didn't echo answer, Where ? Can't you tell a similar tale of rasp-

berries, blackberries, melons, &c. Such disappointments, experienced by most of us, should be no cause for discouragement. Just as sure as the seed is the birthplace of the plant, so sure is the cause of the effect. The exercise of thought and observation will detect many causes of failure. Sift them out. Read over the back volumes of the *Horticulturist*, consult your neighbors interested in these matters, and your chances of success will be doubled. By all means lend a hand in testing new varieties, but don't risk your crop on them. " Prove all things, hold fast that which is good."

Have you failed to beautify your home and screen you from summer's scorching sun and winter's stormy blast by planting evergreens ? If so, don't delay another year. A neighbour of mine remarked to me lately, " I would willingly mortgage my farm for \$500 could I surround my house with a living shelter like yours ;" and yet when planting these very trees I was often asked where the profit was. About that same time I complimented the owner of a well got up house on his taste in planting an evergreen hedge around it. He replied, but there's no money in it ! Oh ! that almighty dollar. That hedge is to-day an object of more admiration than the costly mansion. Let me quote a few lines from the writings of one who realized the beautiful in nature. I'll add nothing more from my rusty pen to mar the beauty of his words :

" Without disparaging classic taste, I venture to say that there is not a poor worm which we tread upon, nor a sere leaf, that, like a ruined but reckless man, dances merrily in its fallen state to the autumn winds, but has superior claims on our study and admiration. The child who plucks a lily or rose to pieces, or crushes the fragile form of a fluttering insect, de-