

reliable information concerning many of them. Of the large number of kinds which we have personally examined and tested the past summer, the Sharpless claims the first place. It first gave evidence of value in Mr. Barry's private garden in 1877, Mr. Sharpless, having kindly sent a few plants for testing. At the last annual meeting of this Society your President referred to the Sharpless as very promising. This was the first public mention made of it. In June last, we had ample opportunity to give it a thorough trial, and it pleased us exceedingly. Its vigorous habit of growth is one of its distinguishing characteristics. No other variety that we are acquainted with produces such strong, thrifty plants, or has such large and handsome foliage. It is very productive and yields immense crops, even under ordinary treatment. The trusses are remarkably strong and well-proportioned for the burden they are intended to support, although in many cases the fruit is so large as to bend them to the ground. The berries average large to very large, are generally oblong in shape, narrowing to the apex, but sometimes irregular and flattened. The colour is a clear light red, with smooth shining surface. The flesh is moderately firm, with a fine aroma, and may be rated as first in quality. A bed of this variety, when the plants are loaded with fruit is well-worth visiting. The rich, dark green foliage at once arrests attention, even from a distance, and if we will take the trouble to approach and examine the fruit, it will not be possible to repress our surprise and admiration. If it proves as great a success generally as at Rochester, Catawissa, and Cinnaminson, we predict for it great popularity.

Among the other varieties Cumberland Triumph promises to be an acquisition for the the garden. Crescent Seedling is becoming a general favourite, and bids fair soon to be recognized as a standard variety.

#### NEW GRAPES.

Rochester and Monroe, offered for sale for the first time the past year, have been received with great favour on all sides. Moore's Early, Burnet, Prentiss, Pocklington, Amber Queen, Early Dawn, Lady Washington, Highland, Duchesse and Niagara are now on trial, and we hope to be able to report favourably upon them at the next meeting.

#### NEW RASPBERRIES.

*Gregg*.—During the season we were the recipients of several boxes of fruit of this new raspberry. Judging from the samples, we would not hesitate to pronounce it a decided improvement on the older varieties of Black Caps.

*Reliance and Early Prolific* gave us their first crop of fruit the past summer. Both varieties appear to be wonderfully productive, but the fruit is soft and hardly of first quality. They will probably be esteemed for home markets.

Pride of the Hudson, Henrietta, Cuthbert, Florence, Caroline, Queen of the Market—have not been sufficiently tested to report upon.

#### WACHUSETT THORNLESS BLACKBERRIES.

Although an old variety there seems to be considerable interest manifested in it. A sample was sent us during the summer, and, although three days *en route*, the fruit was in perfect order when it arrived. It seems to possess several qualities which recommend it. It ripens thoroughly, the fruit is sweet and good and less acid than any other blackberry we have seen; the plant is very hardy, free from thorns, and said to do equally well on light and heavy soils.

#### NEW FRUITS IN 1879.

*By Wm. C. Barry.*

Referring to my report of last year on New Seedling Peaches, I suppose the question will now be asked whether any of the many varieties then enumerated and described

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