

many varieties of pears, but only a few proved sufficiently hardy, especially the Flemish Beauty. He twice visited Russia in the interests of Pomology, first in 1882 in company with Prof. J. L. Budd, of Iowa, U.S.A., and on his return to Abbotsford in February, 1883, he was presented with an address and a public banquet and reception, by the members of our society at Mr. Onias Crossfield's, in the village. The address was as follows:—

Dear Sir—On the part of the Fruit Growers' Association and the general community we beg to offer you cordial welcome, and to express our heartfelt thanks to Divine Providence for your safe return.

At our recent annual meeting resolutions were unanimously passed expressing regret at your unavoidable absence, and recording thanks for the active interest you have shown in promoting the culture of fruit.

It was also unanimously resolved to mark our sense of the important services you have rendered to Abbotsford, and to express our appreciation of your social and kindly disposition and of the high place which you have deservedly won among the leading pomologists of this continent, by requesting you to become this evening the Guest of the Association

We desire further to express a confident hope that your recent labors in Europe, undertaken as they are, gratuitously, and with the view of increasing the number of varieties of Canadian fruit, may meet with the reward which you probably would most covet, that is to say, the satisfaction of greatly increasing the area of successful fruit culture in this Dominion, and thus promoting the economic resources of the country, and the health and happiness of the people at large.

That you may long live to enjoy that finest of all pleasures, the pleasure of doing good to others, is the earnest prayer, dear sir, of yours respectfully, N. C. Fisk, President; J. M. Fisk, Vice-Pres.; Richard Standish, Wm. Gill, O. Crossfield, Mark McKerley, Directors, and Arthur N. Fisk, Sec. Pro-tem.

Toasts were drunk, and in returning thanks for the reception, Mr. Gibb expressed his gratification at the manner in which he was received, and gave a condensed sketch of the object he had in view, and the course pursued in carrying it out, after which a most enjoyable evening was spent in a social way and a "merry dance" by the young folks.

He again visited Russia in 1886 and in 1888 he visited California in the interests of fruit growing. In June, 1889, he started on a journey round the world via Vancouver, Japan, Hong-Kong, Ceylon, Calcutta, Bombay and at Cairo, Egypt, he fell ill with pneumonia and died March 8th, 1890. He must have taken notes on this trip, but no account of his observations was published.

It was through Mr. Gibb's influence that the late Prof. John Craig, son of the late Wm. Craig, senior, of Abbotsford, took up horticulture as a profession, and was appointed the first Dominion Horticulturist under the late Prof. Wm. Saunders, director of the