

industry in this respect, the local horticultural societies of the Province of Quebec, the Montreal Horticultural Society and the Dominion Horticultural Society are all lasting monuments.

Mr. John Craig, Horticulturist of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, who was a personal friend of Mr. Gibb's, writes in this connection as follows :

"It may not be generally known that Mr. Gibb's last efforts were directly in the interests of and for the advancement of Canadian Horticulture. The journey, which may be looked upon as the indirect cause of his death, was one that he had in contemplation for months previous to the time of starting, which was in July, 1889. After spending some time in British Columbia, he took steamer to Japan, where he studied the flora very thoroughly, especially of the northern part, then proceeded to the mountainous regions of China. Next we find him in India, Ceylon, and lastly Cairo. After reaching this point he and his friends looked forward to a speedy reunion. From various points along the line of travel he forwarded packets of seeds, and scions of many forest and fruit trees which specially commended themselves to his notice. There is now at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, a valuable and interesting collection of plants being propagated from this stock. Among these are fruits which may prove valuable additions to our lists for southern Ontario. There is little doubt that exposure, coupled with severe physical strain through uncivilized lands and over mountain roads, weakened and finally prostrated a frame never vigorous. These last tokens of his affectionate regard for Canadian Horticulture will be faithfully and lovingly cared for at the Experimental Farm, and will, when distributed among the people for whom he labored, be a monument more fitting than granite or marble, and one which shall illumine the annals of Horticulture while the earth shall bring forth the fruits which he so much loved."

Mr. Charles Gibb was born at Montreal on the 30th of June, 1846. He received his early education at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and went from there to McGill College, Montreal, where he graduated B.A., at the age of nineteen. The application necessary to complete a college course successfully at so early an age, not only injured his eyesight, but also much impaired his health, and he was told by physicians that he had only a few years, perhaps only a few months to live, and they advised him to seek recuperation in foreign travel. This he did, going abroad in company with his uncle, Mr. J. J. Gibb, of Como. This first trip was of two or three years' duration, and embraced visits to Egypt, the Holy Land, and afterwards Switzerland and Europe generally.

On his return he engaged in the cultivation of fruit, in the State of Pennsylvania, no doubt because he rightly considered it one of the most healthful, as well as one of the most interesting departments of agriculture. The climate of Pennsylvania not agreeing with him, he returned to Canada, and purchased the farm on the slope of the Yamaska mountain, at Abbotsford,