

vines get age they seem to be more productive, and the clusters more full. It is one of the most superior keeping grapes we have."

Mr. G. W. Campbell, of Delaware, Ohio, also speaks favorably of it in the "Seventeenth Annual Report of the Michigan Horticultural Society, p. 226, where he says:—"The Vergennes is a handsome red grape, which has never failed here to bear and ripen well, though a little variable. It has generally ripened about with the

Concord, but the past season it was a week or ten days later. This I attribute to the heavy crop, as it was allowed to over-bear. It however ripened both fruit and wood well. It has shown no rot, but the foliage has mildewed a little in unfavorable seasons."

Wishing that this grape should be still more thoroughly tested in all parts of Ontario, our Association has placed it on the list of plants for distribution in the spring of 1889.

A FEW HINTS ON LANDSCAPE GARDENING.—II.

"Let not thy front look a-squint on a stranger, but accost him right at his entrance. Uniformity also much pleaseth the eye; and 'tis observed that freestone, like a fair complexion, soonest waxeth old, whilst brick keeps her beauty longest."—Fuller.

THE Italian style of architecture was much employed some thirty years ago, and had many points of excellence. Additions could easily be made to the building without marring the unity of the design; while the arcades, balconies and projecting eaves gave character to a style which has been deservedly popular for country residences, because harmonizing so well in picturesque beauty with the rural landscape.

But it is not with a view of drawing attention to the style of architecture that we introduce this engraving of an Italian villa, but rather to impress our readers with the simple beauty of its surroundings. Here, as at the grounds at Ashton, the large growing trees are chiefly

planted at the sides and rear, while the front has little to obstruct the view; however, instead of a simple lawn of green sward, which indeed is, in our view, most to be commended, we have here a few choice flowering shrubs near the front door where, of course, their beauty is seen to the very best advantage. This may be excusable in case of very choice shrubs whose beauty of foliage makes them attractive objects even when not in bloom, and where there is an extended lawn beyond the carriage drive. Generally speaking, shrubs should be planted either in connection with the flower garden, or grouped with herbaceous plants along the borders of walks and drives, and in remote corners of the yard.

They may be also employed as underwood to fill in the groups of trees about the grounds, or to break up into easy regularity a view otherwise too stiff and regular. No