

Waring's works on Agriculture and kindred topics, published at the office of the *Tribune*, will be glad to know that he has just completed a much larger and more comprehensive treatise called 'The Handy Book of Husbandry, and Guide for Farmers, young and old.' It contains about 650 pages, and is copiously illustrated. It is published (to be sold by subscription only) by Messrs. E. B. Treat & Co., No. 65 1 Broadway. From the advance sheets of this work we do not hesitate to predict for it a wide popularity. Written by a practical farmer and gardener, who has had much experience in writing, it is precisely such a book as every farmer should have and should read." The *New York Evening Post* says: "Messrs. E. B. Treat & Co., subscription book publishers, 65 1 Broadway, have issued the advance sheets of 'The Handy-Book of Husbandry, a Guide for Farmers, young and old,' by Geo. E. Waring, jr. of Ogden Farm. An idea of the character of the work may be gathered from the following extract from the introduction: 'My book is intended especially for those practical working farmers who are willing to believe that while they have learned much from their own experience, it is not impossible that other farmers (and men in other avocations as well) may have learned something too, something that it may benefit them to learn also; and who are liberal enough to see that all the truth and value of a fact are not destroyed by its being printed. As will be seen by reference to the table of contents, a wide range of subjects is discussed; in fact I have endeavored to write just such a book as a young man, learning another occupation and turning his thoughts to farming, would be glad to take for his guide; and to such I say that there is not an important statement in these pages that I do not know to be reliable, nor a theory advanced that my own experience has not taught me to approve.'" The *Western Review*, Chicago, says: "That it will be a valuable addition to the agricultural literature of the day, is assured by the fact that it is from the pen of Geo. E. Waring, jr. already well known as the author of several valuable works upon agricultural subjects."

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario held their annual meeting in the Agricultural Hall, Toronto, on Tuesday evening, October 4th, 1870.

The President, Rev. R. Burnett, occupied the chair. The Secretary read the proceedings of the last meeting, which were approved.

The Directors' Report was then submitted, which contained the discussions of the meetings held at Brantford, Hamilton, London, and St. Catharines; the prize essay of W. Saunders, Esq. London; the report of Mr. Saunders on the rewards offered for the capture of *Curculio*; the report on the distribution of the Eumelan Grape; the returns received to the questions issued; an account of the fruit received from the Fruit Growers' Society of Nova Scotia; and the circular, embodying the objects and benefits of the Association.

The Treasurer's report was then read, showing—

Balance in Treasury since 24th Sept., '69.....	\$ 318 64
Members' fees since 24th Sept., '69.....	341 00
Government grants, August, 1870.....	350 00
Total.....	\$1,049 64
Disbursements since 20th Sept., '69.....	860 41
Balance.....	\$ 189 23

The President delivered the following address, which was listened to with deep attention:—

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

When a traveller has left his home for a season, and has a definite object in view by his journeying to distant lands when he imagines that he is high in his accomplishment, he begins to think of counting the miles he has traversed, and the multitude of incidents that he has contributed to the successful issue of his plan. When one of our merchants has been long and sedulously engaged in the prosecution of an extensive business, he finds it to his advantage to balance accounts—to take a survey of the means employed to foster and extend his prosperous pursuits. So ought it be with those who, like the members of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, are diligently endeavoring to impress upon their fellow men the importance of fruit culture. It is our duty, from time to time, and especially at our annual gathering, to catch up the threads of our sayings and doings, and bid them go and accomplish our objects in every county, township and homestead of our land.

Associations for commercial purposes seem to understand the importance of keeping past progress and attainment carefully before the public supporters of their respective institutions. An Insurance Society for instance, recommends its advantages by constant appeals of its past successes, and in every annual statement contrasts the past with the present. Statistics furnish the grand criteria of such comparisons, and inspire the general public with confidence. To such an extent has this become the case, that rival institutions place their claim to favor on the amount of business which they have successfully accomplished. This is just as it should be. And if our Association is to take a forward place among the beneficial agencies of our Province, we must endeavor to lay claim to the appellation of benefactors, by presenting a careful exhibit of our good doings.

With us, at present, not having in the past employed systematic effort, it is more difficult than many would at first suppose, to give of vidimus of past progress. No general statement have ever yet been made of the rise and progress a fruit-growing among us. Here and there, indeed, enthusiasts have appeared, who have by their influence and example, disseminated fruits and a taste for their cultivation, the best sort cultivated, have ever yet appeared from the press or our country. It has occurred to your President that it may not be an altogether unsuitable subject of address on the present occasion, to take up the subject of "the progress of Canadian fruit culture in our Western Province, and the best means for giving it an increased impetus."

My distinguished predecessor in office, Mr. M. H. Mills, in one of his annual addresses, presented a summary historical account of our Society, and, in several other of his papers of a philosophical and practical bearing, has greatly exhausted the field of observation on our favourite and interesting cultivation.

There can be no little question that our fruit culture owes much to the taste and experience of the United Empire Loyalists. These men, who are fast by their works. This zeal not only brought with them from the States, their cherished political opinions, but also the arts and industries habits, which characterized them on the other side. With a hard struggle for existence for some years in their