

rison, and by the enlightened and 19th century views of Mr. Withrow, Chairman, and the members of the Exhibition Committee.

Now that we stand on our own bottom, the question may with propriety be asked, how can we best improve our longed for pleasant circumstances?

We must look for the display of increased taste. Better arrangement must become the order of the day. Attention must be called to the finer exhibition of fruits and flowers, and, if possible photographs should appear in the *Horticulturist* of the fruit exhibits that have taken the leading prizes.

What a happy day would that be for our present and future exhibitors, if our Judges would transfer to paper, thence to the publisher, the facts and reasons for their preferences. What a curious record it would be, and how instructive. Many a tyro would rejoice in the information, and be encouraged to enter the competition with old stagers distinguished for their triumphs and astuteness.

As yet, little is definitely known as to the criteria that guide different Judges in their different decisions as to fruit excellencies. We see no reason why these criteria should not be reduced to the niceties marking the exact sciences. Values ought invariably to be given to different varieties, which should be known as A 1, A 2, A 3, &c., &c., and then the value given according to size, shape, and colour.

It is admitted, I think, that all that might be is not made of our Exhibitions. Why papers should not be prepared and read on the different products in the different classes baffles my comprehension. It is not sufficient to say, that everybody is busy, and too tired in the discharge of duty on such occasions. Parties not thus engaged should be enlisted to do the work, and publication made of their views. Even wrong views might be made the vehicle of right ones, if only known, and disseminated.

A felt want among many fruit-growers is the absence of discussion on kindred subjects. If our Association is to fill the place of a thorough Provincial guide to Horticulture, and allied topics, then flowers and forestry, must be added to our plans and efforts. These two branches, in particular, are so closely allied to our cherished culture, that their omission in our discussions gives rise to reflections suggestive of additions to our contemplated objects. Our worthy Secretary has given us a touch of his poetical fancies and cultivated taste in recent articles on roses and their culture. His lucubrations have only to be implemented by a perusal of the Rev. Mr. Hole's Book on Roses, and a domestic Rosarium at every residence would start into existence at once.

A truce, however, to these pencillings, important considerations yet demand our attention. A little digression on lighter subjects may only whet our appetites for the severer.

It would be an oversight, on such an occasion as the present, were I to omit due and particular mention and give that meed of praise which Alderman Withrow and his noble Exhibition Committee so justly deserve for their admirable arrangements in the new Exhibition Buildings, erected at such expense on the Garrison Common. The City of Toronto has acted in no niggardly fashion, but in a way worthy of itself. Every requirement has been met, and the plans for the exhibition all but perfectly carried out. Nothing is more noticeable in this respect, we have already said, than the facilities for classification. The Province, and Toronto in particular, will be vast gainers by it. The example, so nobly set, will soon be followed. Exhibitions are so multiplied all over, that the excellencies of one sooner or later become the excellencies of others. Nor will this improved classification alone mark the Provincial, Western, Central, Hamilton and Northern Fairs, it will find its way down into the regular gradation of shows, through the village, township and county exhibitions.

The interest in these exhibitions is certainly gaining ground every year. Under the healthy and stimulating efforts of the annual Provincial competition, there has been, it is true, a gradual, but steady improvement of the quality of the articles placed on exhibition. People are beginning to enquire how results so interesting and beneficial, are brought about, and how best to be realized. Enquiry leads to experiment, and experiment to greater enterprise. This desire to excel is marvellously shown in the production of new and superior articles, both in agricultural, horticultural and manufactured goods. This has been especially the case in late years. P. C. Dempsey, of Albury, for instance, has several hybrids equal, if not superior, to "the Burnet" grape, though there be a difficulty in supposing that "the Burnet" could be beat. Mr. W. H. Mills, of Hamilton, follows at no great distance with his highly flavoured varieties, which, in the opinion of many, have as piquant a flavour as any

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