

where some storms, or the persevering coldness of winter, hinder very much the progress of vegetation. Thence follows that so many failed improvements (plantings) of the white thorn are to be seen. Yet it is the desire of every assiduous proprietor to see his estate solidly hedged in.

The Swedish upright-growing box thorn, however, is tougher and much more unassuming. In 3 to 4 years that plant, being content with every ground, even if it be the most barren one, forms dense and durable hedges.

The home of the box thorn is the northern part of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway, where we find the farms surrounded by stately hedges of that plant, even in such parts where the climate is rough and most unfavorable. The inhabitants of those countries set, therefore, a great value upon the box thorn, which is most advantageously set as layers in the months of March and April. I am ready to answer post-paid inquiries respecting the cultivation of that plant.

P. B. CHRISTIAN, Engineer of Plantations, *Tondern North Germany.*

### Horticultural Institutes.

SIR,—The idea you suggested in last month's *HORTICULTURIST* regarding a school, or institute upon horticultural subjects, I think is an *excellent* one, and I, for my part, would be very pleased to give lectures connected with such work. My three lectures, "Fungi," "Plant-diseases," "Fertilization," illustrated with large charts, would be suitable for such meetings.

J. H. PANTON, *Guelph.*

### Trenton Horticultural Society.

The adjourned meeting of the Horticultural Society was held in the Town Hall, on Friday, March 15th, Mayor Morrison in the chair. The full number of fifty subscribers have been secured already. The meeting elected officers as follows:—President, R. Fraser; Vice-President, W. H. Berkinshaw. Committee:—J. H. Stewart, W. Jaques, G. W. Ostrom, J. W. Hyde, S. J. Young, W. H. Dempsey, W. T. Wilkins and T. F. Weir. D. J. Clarke and J. Nicolson were appointed auditors. Meeting adjourned.

Board meeting—S. J. Young was appointed Secretary-Treasurer. It was resolved to make all members of the Fruit Growers' Association.

S. J. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

### ✧ Our Book Table. ✧

The Report of the Western New York Horticultural Society for 1895 is a book of 174 pages, and as usual contains a large amount of valuable matter. An excellent lithograph of the late P. Barry forms the frontispiece. No fruit-grower should fail to correspond with the secretary, Mr. John Hall, Rochester, N.Y., in order to secure a copy . . . . Dairying for Profit, or the Poor Man's Cow, by Mrs. E. M. Jones, Brockville, Ontario, Canada. A most excellent work, invaluable to Canadian farmers . . . . Annual Report of the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of the Province of Quebec, 1894. Secretary, W. W. Dunlop, Outremont, Que. . . . Twenty-second Annual Report of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, 1894. A. W. Latham, Minneapolis, Minn., secretary . . . . New York Agricultural Experimental Station, 12th Annual Report. Peter Collier, Geneva, N.Y., director, . . . . Report of the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S.A., 1893. I. S. Morton, Washington, secretary. . . . . 20th Annual Report of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

### CATALOGUES.

Green's Fruit Instructor. Rochester, N.Y. A very amusing and interesting catalogue of fruits. . . . Fourth Annual Catalogue, strawberry plants and seed potatoes, N. J. Bryan, Mohawk. . . . Bruce Catalogue of Seeds, John A. Bruce, Hamilton, Ont. . . . Niagara Falls Nurseries, E. Morden, proprietor, Niagara Falls South, Ont.