

The coming session will derive a special interest from its location in the midst of the great fruit growing region of the Atlantic coast, and also from the fact that it is the first meeting held since the expiration of the first century of our national history. It is desired, in this connection, that the Vice-Presidents of the several States, Territories, and Provinces, should furnish or procure, as far as possible, short historical sketches of the rise and progress of fruit-culture in their respective districts, from their settlement up to the year 1876, to the end that the forthcoming report may give a complete view of the pomological history of the various parts of the country. State and local Horticultural Societies are respectfully requested to co-operate and aid in this work.

Arrangements will be made with hotels and, as far as possible, with the various railroad lines terminating in Baltimore, for a reduction of fare. Wherever possible, it would be best that such arrangements should be made by the various delegations with roads in their localities, as rates made by Baltimore roads will apply only to their lines.

Members, delegates, and societies are requested to contribute collections of the fruits of their respective districts, and to communicate in regard to them whatever may aid in promoting the objects of the Society and the science of American Pomology. Each contributor is requested to prepare a complete list of his collection, and to present the same with his fruits, that a report of all the varieties entered may be submitted to the meeting as early as practicable. By vote of the Society, NO MONEY PREMIUMS WILL BE OFFERED; but a limited number of Wilder Medals will be awarded to meritorious objects.

At the same time, from Sept. 11 to 14 inclusive, the Maryland Horticultural Society will hold a Grand Exhibition of Fruits, Plants, Flowers, and other products of Horticulture, by which an increased interest will be given to the occasion.

Packages of fruits, with the names of the contributors, may be addressed as follows: "AMERICAN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY, care of William B. Sands, Baltimore."

All persons desirous of becoming members can remit the fee to Thomas P. James, Esq., Treasurer, Cambridge, Mass. Life-membership, Twenty-dollars; Biennial, Four Dollars. Life-members will be supplied with back numbers of the Proceedings of the Society as far as possible.

RULES FOR SPEAKING. Five minutes, and no person to speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave.

WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M. Introductory Exercises; Appointment of Committees, — viz., on Credentials, and on Nomination of Officers, on Record of Fruits exhibited, on Award of the Wilder Medal.

3 P.M. President's Address; Reports of Committee on Credentials, and on Nomination of Officers; Election of Officers; Reception of Treasurer's Report; Appointment of Place for the next Meeting of the Society.

THURSDAY, 9 A.M. Reports of Standing Committees: Discussion of the Value of Fruits enumerated in the Catalogue, as indicated by stars, to be called by the Secretary in alphabetical order, as follows: Apples, Pears, Grapes, etc. At the close of each division, statements relative to new varieties will be received.

3 P.M. Continuation of the morning's session.

FRIDAY, 9 A.M. Reports of Committees on Fruits exhibited; Reception of Essays and Centennial Sketches by Vice-Presidents and others; Continuation of Discussion on Values of Fruits, as per Catalogue; and Introduction of Names of New Varieties.

3 P.M. Completion of Discussion, Resolutions, etc.; Adjournment.

Prof. W. Beal of the Agricultural College, Lansing, Mich., will prepare a paper on "The Classification of Apples."

Prof. A. N. Prentiss of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., will prepare a paper on "The Pathology of Cultivated Plants."

It is expected that other gentlemen of experience and skill will present papers on: Practical or Historical Subjects connected with Fruit-Culture, such as "The Species of the Apple," etc.

Marshall P. Wilder, President, Boston, Mass.; W. C. Flagg, Secretary, Moro, Ill.; Dr. C. C. Hamilton Cornwallis, Vice-President for Nova Scotia and Member of Committee on Foreign Fruits. R. W. Starr, Cornwallis, Member of General Fruit Committee.

LAST summer, at the Encœnia of King's College and University, Windsor, the Rev. G. W. Hill, M.A., Chancellor of the University of Halifax, delivered the annual address, which was listened to with profound attention by a large and learned audience. It dealt with the whole question of man's desire for and intermeddling with wisdom or knowledge, and specially with his duty in reference to that wisdom which bears upon his future state. But, at the same time, the Chancellor set forth, in a clear and masterly manner, the claims of Agricultural and Mechanical Industry to high consideration in connection with our Educational systems. The address

has been published at length in the *Church Chronicle*, from which, by permission of the author, we reprint the following extract:

PROVERBS xviii. 1.—Through desire a man having separated himself seeketh and intermeddeth with all wisdom.

It is as we have seen an historic fact that from the beginning man has sought out and intermeddled with all wisdom. The eating of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil increased the innate desire. The taste thereof created thirst. No sooner were men driven from Eden's bowers than they began to till the soil, and utilize the herd and flock. They at once intermeddled with Nature and her laws. In the first record of the increase of the human family, succeeding the brief story of Cain and Abel, we have accounts of a more systematic search after wisdom, than sufficed the two earliest born of men. One family in an eminent degree contributed in that primal age towards the advancement of their race in the Arts and Sciences. Jubal, Jubal, and Tubal-Cain, sons of Lamech, are the founders of those systems which form the groundwork of all material greatness. Agriculture, even as now scientifically conducted, took its rise under the fostering care of Jubal, who was "the father of all such as dwell in tents and have cattle,"—thus laying the foundation of that Art on which rests the sustenance of life—the systematic production of the fruits of the earth, and the rearing of the flocks and herds, which constitute the food of man, or help him in his varied projects of pleasure or of toil. Simultaneously another gifted son of Lamech contributed his share to the welfare and progress of the human race by intermeddling with another branch of wisdom. The first machinist and iron founder, the first theorist and practical worker in brass and iron, the original instructor of every artizan in those metals, which to-day occupy a place so prominent and exercise a power so masterful—which have developed into our steam engines and ships, our railways and locomotives, was the man of busy brain and cunning hand, "Tubal-Cain, the father of every artificer in brass and iron."

Contemporary with Agriculture and Mechanics, arose the Fine Arts. Toil sought relief, and found it not in idleness, but in the cultivation of sweet sounds, expressive of the feelings and the thoughts: and when the world now listens with rapt ear and throbbing heart to the lofty strains of Handel and Mendelssohn, Mozart and Rossini, it is indebted to that brother Jubal, who was "the father of all such as handle the harp and the organ;" the original inventor of our stringed instruments and of those grand organs whose gentle notes soothe the ruffled spirit, or