

## REVIEW.

## Reports.

CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM, OTTAWA. *Report of the Entomologist and Botanist.* Jas. Fletcher, F.R.S.C., F.L.S., 1887.

We would call the especial attention of the fruit growing community to the excellent prospects of valuable assistance in the prosecution of their work now opening up in connection with the Experimental Farm at Ottawa. Here are employed by the Dominion Government the best specialists available in agriculture, horticulture, chemistry, entomology and botany, upon 400 acres of choice land, beautifully situated, with every appliance that money can furnish, all for the benefit, without charge, of every Canadian farmer who chooses to avail himself of the privileges thereof. And with such a man as Wm. Saunders as Director, whose qualifications for his position are acknowledged to be exceptional, we have especial occasion for hopefulness.

From the authorities of the farm reliable information may be had upon any question affecting the interests of the farmer, fruit grower or gardener, without charge, and even letters go free of postage.

This report contains forty-two pages, descriptive of insects affecting cereals, root crops and vegetables, fruits and forest and shade trees, with description of latest known remedies. It may be had free on application.

AMERICAN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Session of 1887. The proceedings of the twenty-first session of the American Pomological Society, held in Boston, Mass., September 14th, 15th and 16th, 1887, together with the State fruit reports and catalogue of fruits, published by the Society, 1888.

The president of this society is Mr. P. J. Berekmans, Augusta, Florida; the secretary, C. W. Garfield, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the vice-presidents represent the States in the Union and the Provinces of Canada. All progressive Horticulturists who study their profession from a scientific standpoint, should unite with this society, which is so thoroughly divested of all local interests. One paper of considerable interest in this report is that by H. E. Van Deman, chief of the Department of Pomology, on "Identification of Varieties of Hardy Orchard Fruits." Such subjects as "Commercial Fertilizers," "Pests of the Pomologist," "Behaviour of Fruits in different Altitudes," etc., are ably treated upon. A valuable scientific paper is also included by Charles Gibb, of Abbotsford, Que., which may also be obtained separately from the author, on "The Nomenclature of our Russian Fruits." This paper deals with no less than 988 varieties of apples alone. The catalogue of fruits at the end is not the least important part of the book, shewing as it does the varieties best suited to each state.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE. *State of Michigan, 1886-1887.* H. G. Reynolds, Secretary. Agricultural College, Mich.

This, a volume of 565 pages, bound in cloth, and contains Department Reports, Bulletins of the Agricultural College, and a Review of the various Farmers' Institutes, held during the winter, with copies of principal papers read and discussions thereupon. It seems to us that Canada is behind her neighbor in this particular, and that very much valuable matter might be gleaned at our various institutes, which should be printed for the general good.

THE WESTERN NEW YORK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. *Proceedings of the thirty-third annual meeting, held at Rochester, Wen. and Thur., Jan. 25 and 26, 1888.*

A pretty full report of this meeting has already appeared in these columns.

THE MONTREAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. *Reports for 1884-5-6, bound in one volume.*

A very creditable volume. It lacks, however, one very important feature and that is a complete index at the end of the whole three volumes. How much valuable information is often locked up in our libraries beyond our reach just for lack of indexes.

THE MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE. *Twenty-fifth Annual Report, January, 1888.* H. H. Goodell, Amherst, Mass., President.

FORESTRY CONVENTION. *Proceedings of Convention held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, January, 1888.* Bulletin No. 32. Agricultural College.

## Miscellaneous.

*Burbee's How and What to Grow in a Kitchen Garden of One Acre.* Fully illustrated. Paper 50c. W. Atlee Burbee, 475 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. A really practical and useful book.

HINTS ON CACTI. A. Blanc & Co., 314 North Eleventh St. Philadelphia, Pa.

Far more than a mere catalogue, this book contains beautiful pictures of all the more interesting Cacti, together with valuable hints for their cultivation.

ELLWANGER & BARRY'S CATALOGUE. *Mt. Hope Nurseries, Rochester, N. Y.*

Three catalogues bound together in cloth, making a complete and invaluable descriptive list, first of fruits, second of ornamental trees, shrubs, etc., thirdly of strawberries, and fourth of select roses.