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A New Year's Greeting.

WITH this issue the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST greets its three thousand readers in a new costume, hoping by its cheery monthly visits to aid in making the New year a happy and a prosperous one to them all.

At considerable expense the Executive Committee has had a new and beautiful engraving made for the cover, enlarged the journal into a better form, secured a better quality of paper, and more expensive illustrations; confident that our readers will so appreciate our efforts in their behalf as to sustain our venture with a largely increased subscription list.

Hints for the Month.

ACCOUNTS.—On the 1st of January, every one who is making a business of fruit culture, or of gardening, should balance up his accounts for the old year, and be able to say just how much his net profits have been for the year past. Then he should open his accounts for the year. It will be wise to keep a separate account of the expenses and proceeds

of each kind of fruit in one book, thus proving which is most profitable; in another an account of the daily sales or shipments through the season; and in another a cash account. In this way only can the commercial orchardist be master of his business.

READING.—Amid such stores of useful information, that man is foolish who pursues his vocation with eyes and ears closed. In almost every department there are now standard books of information, and the leisure of winter is the time to read and study these sources of knowledge. For instance, on the orchard we have *Downing's Fruits of America*, *Thomas' American Fruit Culturist*, *Wardner's American Pomology*, besides numerous special works on the apple, pear, peach, grape, small fruits, etc., etc. And the Canadian fruit-grower will find in the ten volumes which have been published of the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, and in the eighteen annual reports of discussions and papers on fruit culture read at the meetings of our Association, a compendium of indispensable information, just adapted to our Canadian climate.