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THE meetings of the Western New York Horticultural Society bring together the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of fruit growers to be found anywhere in the world. Probably no country in the world contains so many enterprising fruit growers and nurserymen, as Western New York. All this is due in a great measure to the persevering industry of the late P. Barry, the author of that excellent work entitled "Barry's Fruit Garden," and one of the heads of the firm, so familiar to fruit growers all the world over, Messrs. Ellwanger & Barry. For so many years was Mr. Barry the president, and the guiding hand in the conduct of this large Society, that we feel justified in giving him that prominence in our journal, which he deserves as one of the direct benefactors of the present generation of fruit growers. At our special request, therefore, we have secured from his son, Mr. W. C. Barry, the cuts which illustrate this article.

The frontispiece is an admirable photograph of the nursery, in the suburbs of Rochester, which was first established about fifty-six years ago, on about 15 acres of ground, and has since grown to cover over 500 acres.

One important feature of Mr. Barry's work was in experimental fruit growing, a work which we in Ontario, are just beginning to undertake, under the beneficent patronage of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. So long ago as 1846, Mr. Barry wrote: "Our purpose is, and has been since the formation of our establishment, to make here in Western New York, a collection of fruits unsurpassed by any in the country, embracing every valuable variety of either native or foreign origin, adapted to our soil and climate; with this end in view.