

## OPEN LETTERS.

**Fruit at Goderich, (Huron Co.)**

SIR,—I have a great variety of grapes and have never had one winter killed. The Pocklington I never tried. The Moore's Early, Worden and Prentiss we had of the F.G.A. are all doing well.

Fruit in this section, notwithstanding the dry summer, on the whole did very well, pears I consider were extra good. I found the Beurre Giffard very superior this year, but the Clairgeau was not so good as usual with me.

Of all the magazines and papers I take I value the HORTICULTURIST the highest. I think we get two or three times the value of our money from the F. G. A. together with the premium and report, and now that the magazine is enlarged it is still more valuable. I have been a subscriber for a good many years. I have all the annual reports from the commencement except the first, and all the HORTICULTURISTS carefully taken care of.

Goderich.

WALTER HICK.

**Fruit at Brussels, (County of Huron.)**

SIR,—While enclosing my subscription I would say that I am much pleased with the success and the enlargement of the journal.

Among the many good articles is one by Mr. Bucke, of Ottawa, on Winter Protection. I noticed in my grounds this season that low bushes were the most fruitful; so I have taken Mr. Bucke's plan, and laid them down this fall. But I found them very stiff to bend over, as I had pruned early to cause them to grow low, strong and bushy.

Would Mr. Bucke give us an article in a coming number on how to prune and train raspberry bushes, in view of winter protection and fruitfulness.

Our red raspberries were not very fruitful this season, but the black were a fair crop.

Gooseberries and currants were good. The grapes were better than ever.

The Sharpless and Seneca Queen strawberries did best with us this year. The heat was too great for most kinds of fruit, but for all that we had a fair crop.

Wishing you success in your useful work, and prosperity to the Association. I am yours truly,

Brussels.

SAMUEL FEAR.

SIR,—Since writing you yesterday, I received a copy of the HORTICULTURIST in its new form, and I must congratulate you on the grand improvement accomplished, not as only regards paper, cover, etc., but the form that it is in now, gives a better opportunity for displaying cuts, etc.

Although for my own part, I have recommended the HORTICULTURIST, I believe in its new form it will have a better chance to commend itself, which I think the yellow cover does not suggest.

Every endeavour should be made to popularize the paper, as this is the only one that treats of horticulture exclusively, as the other papers are all inclined to pet up agriculture. I do not see why that many hundreds more should not subscribe.

Trusting the success may be as great as it deserves, permit me to remain. Yours truly,  
Toronto. HERMANN SIMMERS.

**The Golden Queen and Jessie at Mount Forest, (County of Wellington.)**

SIR,—With me the Golden Queen has done first-class, and a more severe trial than with me it would be rather hard to find, as my plot is low, and catches frost very easily. I procured six plants last fall and planted them alongside a row of Outhberts. In spring they came out of the ordeal uninjured, while every Outhbert was killed to the ground; and then how they bore! and such fine berries that I could scarcely distinguish them from Brinckles in appearance or quality; and let me say the Brinckles Orange is a daisy in quality: but it is such a shy bearer that it doesn't pay where one has a small patch of ground for raspberries. My opinion is that the Golden Queen is the raspberry and will stay. I also planted a few of the Jessie Strawberry. Last spring they were about the length of my thumb. I did not expect they would come to anything this season. But to my surprise they buckled to in earnest, and I allowed them to bear one or two each, and (tell it not in Gath) they were the first to ripen out of five varieties! The quality seems also to be good. I think it also a success.

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**Kind Words.**

DEAR HORTICULTURIST,—I feel rather timid about addressing you so familiarly, and especially so since you have assumed your new attire. However, when I tell you that ever since I made your acquaintance I have been a regular reader, and each month look for your appearance with as much earnest as I once watched for the mail with the journals of fictitious stories; and further, when you know with what a keen relish I devour your much appreciated columns, you will then understand why I now take the liberty to tender you my sincere congratulations upon your much improved appearance. I am glad to learn too that I am only one of a large number who take an interest in your welfare, as is substantially evidenced by the increase of your subscription list and the large accumulated surplus in your treasury, which speaks volumes for your management. I trust that in the near future I will have the pleasure of seeing you in all the public reading rooms, and occupying a still more prominent place among Horticultural Journals of the day. In renewing my subscription for another year,