

being present at these meetings, where so much could be learned useful to the fruit grower, and he trusted the present visit of the Association to the town of Windsor would not be its last, but that they might on some future occasion return at a time when they could be shown to more advantage the beauties of the county.

HORTICULTURE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Mr. C. W. GARFIELD, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was then called upon, and after making a few remarks on the similarity of fruit growing conditions in Michigan and western Ontario, and of the feeling of brotherly love which should exist between the Michigan horticulturists and those of Ontario, expressed his desire to say a few words on the subject of horticulture in the public schools, for if he felt more earnestly on any one subject than another it was upon the question how the younger portion of the community should be instructed and encouraged in horticulture. The only way he could see of doing this was by enlisting the sympathies of the teachers. It was not often that children could be got together in such a meeting as the present one, but it was possible to form little coteries in which a number of neighbors, their wives and children, might get together and discuss such questions, and thus instil an interest in the subject into them. They wanted to bring to this some of the enthusiasm which carried them along in their horticultural life. He felt great pleasure in joining in discussions on horticultural subjects, not only those connected with the question of how much money could be got out of it, but those which related to horticulture in its highest and best form.

Mr. A. McNEILL, science master of the Windsor high school, followed. He said he was heartily in accord with the previous speaker, who had said very truly that it was not possible for a public school teacher who himself knew nothing of horticulture to impart an interest in it to the children under his charge. He had been a senior teacher for some years, and he was sorry to have to say that he knew very few of his fellow teachers who were at all interested in that line. In his own botany classes he had found no difficulty in getting up an interest in the subject; he found that he could interest his pupils from one end of the session to the other; the interest they showed was really surprising. He referred to the difficulty of getting young people now-a-days to stick to the farm, and said he had no doubt that as soon as intelligence could be brought to bear upon farm life there would be no more difficulty in that respect; the young people flocked to other callings because more intelligence was apparently called for in them, and so, when by the application of intelligence agricultural and horticultural pursuits assumed their proper dignity, young people would flock to them, instead of deserting them for other occupations.

After a duet by Messrs. Pepper and McLaughlin had been sung, Mr. Edwin Reid, Secretary of the Michigan Horticultural Society, was called upon.

Mr. REID, while acknowledging the honor of being asked to address the meeting, said he did not think it necessary for him to add anything to what had been said by his fellow-countrymen, President Lyon and Mr. Garfield.

PROF. SAUNDERS ON HORTICULTURE.

The PRESIDENT then called upon Prof. Saunders, of the Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Prof. SAUNDERS.—I am highly delighted this evening to meet with our friends from the other side, and I am sure their visit will do both them and us good. I have had personal experience of the very hospitable manner in which they are in the habit of treating Canadians, and I trust they will carry away as favorable impressions of us as I and others, who have been fortunate enough to spend a short time among them, did of their kindness. I must next congratulate the people of this district and the county of Essex on the splendid country they possess, of which I believe the half has not yet been told. About fifteen years ago, when a director of the Fruit Growers' Association, I with