

part seem to be almost entirely free from worms. The pure bred Plymouth Rock is his favorite.

CANKER WORM is very troublesome in some parts of Ontario. Spraying with Paris green is effective only if done when the worms are very small. The best remedy is to cut strips of heavy paper, fasten one as a band around the trunk of each tree, and smear with printers' ink. If this is done in October, and kept sticky until frost, and again in April and May, the female (being wingless) will be unable to climb the tree to deposit its eggs.

THE HILEY PEACH, of Georgia, was awarded the Wilder medal at the recent meeting of the A. P. S. at Boston. This medal is given only to one new fruit each year, the one shown the committee which possesses the most decided merit.

PROF. CRAIG, speaking of "The Ideal Fruit Growers' Home," said, in part: "To secure the ideal fruit grower's home let one give attention first to the site, so that he may enjoy beautiful scenery that shall relieve the monotony of daily toil. Let the home be dignified, of simple beauty, without gingerbread ornaments, and the ideal home should be built so as to save steps. With a modern system of lighting, rural telephone and rural delivery, are we not enjoying the comforts of the city without its distractions? But what is more important is the family life within the house, the harmony that results from the expression of each individual's life with due regard to the others of the household."

TO VISIT THE VARIOUS FRUIT DISTRICTS.

IN the present issue the editor begins a series of notes on his visits to the various fruit districts of Ontario. His plan for 1904 is to seek a personal interview with the more prominent fruit growers or gardeners in some one district each month, to secure photographs of their orchards, homes and

faces, and to gain from each part of our country those pointers which seem to be of interest or profit to other sections.

ENCOURAGING TO APPLE GROWERS.

A FEW years ago many were so utterly discouraged with the low prices of apples that they were rooting out all their trees. Now the situation is reversed, and the apple is the most valuable product of the farm.

A British correspondent of the *Farming World* writes:

Canadian apple growers ought to have a successful season, for the supply of home-grown fruit in this country is extremely short. There are many orchards which will yield practically no fruit at all. This applies equally to eating, cooking and cider apples, and in many of the poorer homes the apple pudding, which is a favorite dish, will be missing from the table. Not only is the apple crop here short, but I understand that on the continent of Europe too there are hardly any orchards yielding up to the normal. This is especially the case in Normandy and Brittany, whose far-famed apples this year will not be in great evidence. A well-known cider manufacturer over here has been scouring the country for the past three or four weeks in an endeavor to buy apples, but up to the present he has not yet obtained sufficient for his requirements.

The coming season ought to begin earlier than usual for Canadian apples, while prices too bid fair to be on the upward grade.

W. Dickhuth & Sohn, of Hamburg, writ.

As the new season is approaching, we take great pleasure to inform you that our home crop of apples is a failure. It is a matter of fact that we can grow no more table apples in this country for years, but this year we are even without the cooking varieties. The heavy snowstorms just at the time the apple trees were in bloom has destroyed them. Although we shall want