

songs, at the end of which you will find a miniature Scottish Dictionary. Small though it is, *well studied* there is enough in it to pass you for a fair sample of a Scotchman. But what of songs, you say? I'll tell you about that too. A new feature promised at our next meeting is good music. I go for that, and so well have you reminded us of passing years you must be just in mood to give us in all its beauty,

"John Anderson, my Jo."

Friend Goldie will surely enliven us with "The Dusty Miller." I only give you the concluding verse:

"In winter when the wind an' rain  
Blaws o'er the hoose and byre,  
He sits beside a clean hearth stane,  
Before a rousing fire;  
With nut-brown ale he tells his tale,  
Which rows him o'er fu' nappy.  
Who'd be a king—a petty thing,  
When a miller lives so happy?"

Mrs. Saunders, I hope, will favor us with the song, the most beautiful in the Scottish or any other language:

"There's nae luck about the hoose."

And before she gets through with it, her worthy husband, *I know he's full of music*, will be so worked up with the music of the good old land as to lead off in lively style in

"Auld lang syne,"

*Scott Act notwithstanding.*

Wishing you and your readers a happy New Year, and many returning ones,

Dear Sir, yours truly,

JOHN CROIL.

#### THE NIAGARA RASPBERRY.

The Niagara Raspberry (received from the Fruit Growers' Association) did very well this summer. It had quite a lot of berries, and very large. I think it will do well.

EDWARD RYERSE.

Port Dover, Dec., 1884.

#### REPORT OF FRUIT TREES RECEIVED FROM THE ASSOCIATION.

The Flemish Beauty Pear sent out by the Fruit Growers' Association some years ago has blighted badly this summer, but had a heavy crop of fruit, bearing about four or five bushels. The Glass' Seedling plum, also sent out, is about the only plum tree which stood the blight last year out of three hundred, and had a very fair crop this season. The Swayzie Pomme Grise apple has fruited the last two years, but not very well. The Ontario apple had twenty-five large apples the next season after planting, which proved to be good keepers for so young a tree. My raspberries and grapes proved a total failure.

WM. ROSS.

Owen Sound, December, 1884.

#### THE NIAGARA GRAPE.

In reading your article on the Niagara Grape, I notice that you are under the impression that the vines of that variety planted in Canada are mainly in the neighborhood of Grimsby. I doubt if that is the case, as I think Oakville comes to the front in the Niagara Grape as well as in strawberries. I think there are about four thousand vines of Niagara planted in this vicinity. I have two thousand five hundred of them, and if you want to see some thrifty vines, come during the growing season and take a look at them.

Yours truly,

R. POSTANO.

Oakville, Dec., 1884.

ISHAM SWEET is a Wisconsin apple of decided value. My own trees have given me a barrel this year, and it has been the first winter sweet that has proved hardy enough for this climate. It is of medium size, nearly round, dark red, yellow flesh, and a very rich sweet,—a very good desert fruit of its class. It keeps quite well.—DR. HOSKINS, in *Home Farm*.