

the extra prize of £1 awarded to Mr. T. H. Parker, of Berwick, and would take this opportunity of expressing the hope that these gentlemen may be induced to continue the prize for at least another year, and we feel assured that the competition will be general, when the orchardists of the Valley are made aware of the continuance of the offer.

The President said he thought a mistake had been made in the method of distributing the prize lists.

Secretary Johnson said Messrs. T. W. West & Co., of London, had made an offer of £7 10s., to be expended in such a way as the Association may direct, for the encouragement of the better packing of fruit for the London market. A special committee, consisting of R. W. Starr, A. H. Johnson, and Avard Longley, was appointed to consider the proposal and report before the meeting closed.

Later the above committee made the following report:—"Divide the £7 10s. in three prizes, viz.: first, £3 10s.; second, £2 5s.; third, £1 15s. for the best lots of ten barrels each of the following varieties, viz.: Northern Spys, Baldwins, and Nonpareils. The ten barrels need not necessarily be of one variety; to be consigned to Messrs. West & Co., and to arrive in London on or before the first day of April. Competitors must make their entries with the Secretary of the Fruit Growers' Association, on or before the first day of March, together with a written statement of the method of picking, packing, marking, &c." The consignees will award the prizes, making their report to the F. G. A. for publication. The fruit to be sold for the benefit of competitors, and the proceeds remitted as ordered.

The report was received and adopted, and the Secretary requested to convey the thanks of the Association to Messrs. West & Co.

Mr. Axford read his report of the method of handling and packing the prize fruit, as follows:—

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*To the Secretary of the Fruit Growers' Association:*

SIR,—According to the requirement by advertisement for competitors for prize offered by Nothard & Lowe, of London, England, for best ten barrels of Ribston Pippins, I forward you a brief statement of my method of packing and marking apples for market.