

answering through the *Horticulturist* you would much oblige,

Yours truly,

J. W. M.

REPLY.—This is a powerful manure, equal to the best guano, and should be applied with care. If your soil be light or sandy, it would be advisable to compost it with an equal bulk of dry clay, comminuting the clay, and mixing it thoroughly with the pigeon dung; and apply this in the spring by spreading it on the surface of the ground, at the rate of five hundred pounds to the acre, just before a rain. The object sought by mixing it with dry clay in an almost powdered state, and spreading it on the ground just before a rain, is to fix the ammonia contained in the pigeon dung; hence, if your soil be a clay, it will not be necessary to mix the pigeon dung with clay, but it may be spread directly on the surface, at the rate of three hundred pounds to the acre. It is, however, desirable to apply it during rainy weather, that the ammonia may be carried into the soil, and absorbed by the argillaceous earth.

Can you inform me in next number of *Canadian Horticulturist* where I can obtain seeds of the *Catalpa speciosa*.

ROBT. MCINTOSH.

Newcastle, Dec. 12, 1885.

REPLY.—You can procure them from Thomas Meehan, Germantown, Penn., U. S. A.

#### BINDING OF THE REPORTS.

It is a pity the Reports of the Fruit Growers' Association, and the Entomo-

logical and Forestry Reports, could not be bound together, and sent to the members. They are all valuable, and ought to be in the library of every country gentleman, or indeed of every man who takes any interest in rural affairs, and the development of all the rural industries of this country. If the government is so parsimonious that it cannot afford to bind this volume as formerly, I for one would willingly pay an increased annual subscription, in order that I might get them bound.

I am, etc.,

BENJ. S. BELEY.

Ferncliffe, Rossean, Muskoka.

REPLY.—It is just because our government is so poor that ministers feel they are not warranted in the expenditure necessary to bind these reports that they are sent out in paper covers. They have been earnestly requested by the officers of the Association to have them bound; but they turn a deaf ear to all their arguments and entreaties. Surely if they are worth printing they should be worth the binding. If all bound at once, the cost would be very much less than the cost of having them bound by individuals, one at a time; and so we have to pay this extra expense because the country is so poor.

(1) Where can I get the *Acacia Thorn* for planting a hedge? (2) Where can I get dwarf pear and apple trees? and please name two good varieties of each. (3) Please name three good kinds of standard pear trees.

Brooklin.

JOHN G. WARREN.

REPLY.—(1) We presume that our enquirer has the Honey Locust in mind, which has been used to some extent as