

are coming from there this year and they should all be carefully inspected and disinfected before planting.

EXHIBITIONS.

It seemed very important that at least one of our commercial varieties of apples should be entered for a prize at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha in addition to the very creditable general exhibit made by the Canadian Government, and I accordingly entered one barrel of Gravensteins as the best apple grown in America for dessert and cooking purposes, and secured a most desirable space for it in the horticultural building, for which this Association has received a diploma and Gold Medal. We are much indebted to F. W. Taylor, Superintendent of the Farmers' Institute University of Nebraska, and Superintendent of horticulture, etc., at Omaha, for his care and kindness in conducting this exhibit for us, and the following letter from him will be read with interest:

"Dear Sir,—It gives me great pleasure to say how much your exhibit of Gravenstein apples was appreciated by all lovers of good fruit. The delicious flavour, delightful aroma, and beautiful appearance of the apples attracted a great amount of attention and favorable comment. I am sure that it was well worth your while to make this exhibit, and I assure you that the attention it attracted was equalled by perhaps no exhibit of the same size. The quality of the apples is so good that I do not wonder that your English cousins are glad to buy them at a profitable price.

Yours very truly,

F. W. TAYLOR, Supt."

From the interest manifested and the enquiries since made for this apple, this exhibit will prove to be of great value. This is the fourth medal won for this Association at large exhibits since I have had the honor of representing you without costing the Association one dollar. The barrel exhibited at Omaha was donated by Dr. DeWitt and the expenses paid by the Dominion Government. This is the 16th medal won by this Association since its formation in all the great expositions of the world, and our apples have always been awarded a prize where they have been exhibited in fair competition with the world. As this in-