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## THE POCKLINGTON GRAPE.

So very various have been the opinions expressed with regard to this grape, that until now the writer confesses to considerable perplexity with regard to its qualities, having heretofore only seen it as it was exhibited some years ago at the meeting of the Am. Pomological Society in Rochester, N.Y. At that time the fruit was not fully ripe, so that no just judgment could be formed concerning it; and the impression left on the mind would not be the most favorable, for exhibitors are not in the habit of presenting a new thing to the public in an imperfect condition. It was with much satisfaction that we embraced an opportunity of visiting the grounds of Mr. John Charlton, in Rochester, N. Y., about the middle (14th) of October, where there are a number of vines of the Pocklington, and which at that time were well filled with fruit. This visit gave us an opportunity of observing the condition of the foliage, the bearing habit of the vines, and the quality of the fruit, as it appeared not upon one vine merely, but upon some twenty vines or more.

As to the foliage and general appearance of the vines, there was evidence of strong, robust constitution; a thick and leathery leaf that would endure well the trying changes of temperature, of drouth, and moisture, to which vegetation in our climate is so subject; a strong cane, not as stout as that of the Brighton of the same age, but vigorous, well ripened, and of sufficient length to indicate that the vine is a strong, healthy grower, and at the same time not so long jointed as to need great breadth of space for favorable results. The crop of fruit was abundant, quite enough one would say for the vines, though Mr. Charlton stated that a considerable quantity had been already cut off, so there is no reason to fear that the vine is not abundantly productive.

The fruit is showy, commanding attention by reason of the large size of the berries and good size of bunch, and when fully ripe is of a