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PREFACE.

THE OBJECT OF THIS WORK, is not only to furnish useful directions to those who may be little acquainted with the management of Fruit Trees, but to promote the culture of the best varieties, and to improve their treatment so as to secure excellence and productiveness in a more eminent degree than is usually attained.

It was a very just remark of Professor Lindley, that those who have sought for information in books on this subject, have generally found plenty of *rules* for action, but very few *reasons*. The writer has aimed to avoid this error, and by occasionally presenting the rationale of operations, to simplify the directions given, and render them more clear and obvious to the practical cultivator.

As this is comparatively a small work,—intended partly as an answer to numerous inquiries,—those who need more extended information, especially in relation to the different varieties of fruit known

in this country, are referred to the excellent work of A. J. Downing, on "The Fruits and Fruit Trees of America," which has just issued from the press.

The writer is indebted to his father, David Thomas, of Cayuga county, for several valuable original notes, which will be found in various parts of the work.

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