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## PREFACE

TO THE SIXTH EDITION.

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IN preparing another edition of this book, I have again to record remarkable progress in the Fruit industry throughout Britain. Old ideas are giving way rapidly to modern systems, and although the main points of my first edition in 1881 are still reliable, we have recently learnt so much that is valuable and of practical importance, that the present edition is entirely revised, so as to bring it up to date in every particular.

The new facts brought out by the interesting Conference held by the Royal Horticultural Society, and the important conclusions arrived at by the Parliamentary Enquiry or Commission, instituted by Lord Onslow, before which I had the honour of being summoned, are herein enumerated.

The published Journals relating to these meetings are well worth study by all interested in fruit culture. (For notes see Chapter XXVI.)

The steady demand for this little brochure continues, and, the last edition being exhausted, I have endeavoured to bring together the latest information available in the present work, and have carefully revised and reduced the lists of sorts and given fuller hints on spraying and insect pests than before. The

importance of some operations has induced me to repeat them again and again, that they may not escape notice.

I offer this new edition to that generous public, who have shown their appreciation of my former endeavours to help on the better culture of hardy fruit in these Islands, and to inculcate such modes of treatment as shall enable British growers not only to hold their own, but to compete favourably with imports from abroad.

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## INTRODUCTION.

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**C**RITICS may still ask "Do you not think that fruit culture will be overdone? and in view of blights, spring frosts, and occasional gluts of produce, are you still justified in advising an extension of the industry?"

The author's reply is, that, living as he does in the greatest fruit-growing County, and being in touch with the largest growers elsewhere, he is still perfectly convinced that there is room for extension, but on modern lines. He would advocate the "Kentish system," which may be stated briefly as intelligent fruit cultivation, as distinguished from the old system of fruit planting at hazard. One fact alone will answer all pessimists. It is this: the largest growers—keen, hardworking, business men, who would be the first to feel lessening demand or the fall of prices below a paying scale—are yearly and constantly enlarging their acreage; and as they number their soft fruit produce by tons, and hard fruits by thousands of bushels, their action furnishes a complete reply.

But new growers must approach the business on modern methods—paying attention to the smallest details; cultivating those kinds that by name command market value; adopting the best system of grading, and endeavour to build up a reputation for honest packing and high quality; growing but few kinds and doing them well.