

DEAR SIR :

At the annual meeting of the Lake Shore Grape Growers' Association, held in Cleveland the past month, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

“ Whereas, the Emperor of the French has invited our Government to send to the approaching World's Exposition at Paris American products and works of art ; and since it is our belief that the wines made in our country, especially in the regions embraced in this Association, will compare favorably with the best specimens produced in Europe,

Resolved, That we learn with great pleasure that one of our directors, Wm. Griffith, Esq., purposes attending the Paris Exhibition in 1867, and that we hereby appoint him our representative there, and request him to take in charge all specimens furnished by members of this Association.

Resolved, That we earnestly request all our members, and others interested, to forward specimens of native wine and brandy, for this purpose, to William Griffith or J. E. Mottier, South Shore Vineyards, North East, Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That we request Mr. Griffith to procure all the information he can obtain in regard to grape culture and wine making in his proposed tour in Europe, and report the same to this Association.”

In behalf of the grape and wine interests of the United States, and in obedience to instructions of our Society, we beg leave to invite your co-operation in furtherance of the object of the above resolutions. Mr. Griffith is one of the most extensive and successful grape and wine producers in this country, and we take pleasure in recommending him as a gentleman every way competent and worthy to represent these interests at the Paris Exposition.

We, therefore, respectfully request you to send to him, for this purpose, specimens of wines made from native grapes, by yourself or others. The wines must be pure, free from addition of sugar, or other extraneous substance ; at least two bottles of each variety, distinctly labelled, giving name of grape, location of vineyard, name and residence of maker, date, &c. ; to be sent to William Griffith, North East, Pa., so as to reach there not later than 1st November, 1866, when they will be inspected and classified by a committee, consisting of L. F. Allen, of New York ; J. A. Warder and Charles Carpenter, of Ohio; and J. E. Mottier and Wm. Griffith, of Pa.

For further particulars, address William Griffith, North East, Pa., who will be happy to answer all questions.

J. P. DAKE, President.

M. B. BATEHAM, Secretary.

FLUSHING, March, 1866.