

Under-Secretary of State for the Provinces, on "Earth Sewage versus Water Sewage; or National Health and Wealth instead of Disease and Waste." A supply of this publication has, we understand, been received by our local Government, and distributed to the Superintendents of the chief asylums, hospitals, and gaols in the Province, for their consideration and experiment.

This system not only puts night-soil sewage in a convenient and, we may almost say, clean form for removal, but in its daily application acts as a complete deodorizer of all faecal matters; and where there is a sufficient quantity of land to furnish a constant supply of soil for drying, and a superabundance of unemployed labour to manipulate it, in connection with any institution, as is the case with the Toronto new gaol, there can be no difficulty in giving the system a fair trial. The health of all the employees and inmates would be benefitted, and a rich fertilizer for the land obtained for either farming or gardening purposes.

TORONTO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Toronto Horticultural and Botanical Gardens Society held its annual meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Mechanics' Institute, Toronto—the President, Hon. G. W. Allan, in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed,

The Rev. E. Baldwin read the report, which showed that the sum of \$157.90 had been added to the balance of \$217.12, with which the past year was commenced, so that the Society begin this year with a balance on hand of \$374.02, the gross receipts being \$2,765.04, while the expenditure was \$2,390.02.

After the adoption of the report, the following officers were elected:—

President—Hon. George W. Allan; 1st Vice-President, Mr. James Fleming; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. P. Armstrong; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. W. S. Lee; Recording Secretary, Mr. J. A. Simmers.

Directors—Rev. E. Baldwin, Messrs. T. D. Harris, George Leslie, sen., Professor Buckland, J. A. Simmers, George Vair, S. Platt, W. Ince, J. Paterson, J. Grey, F. W. Coate, J. Gibson, Isaac Gilmour, J. Forsyth and Alex. McNabb.

Auditors—Messrs. F. Small and G. W. Buckland.

TRANSFER OF COMMENDATION.

"LEICESTERENSIS" is kind enough to inform us that his "commendatory letter" which appeared in the *Canada Farmer* of Jan., 15th, was written under the impression that we were going on in our former editorial position, and expresses the wish that we would transfer it to the columns of this journal, as more properly belonging to it. We are much obliged to him for the well-meant compliment, but the letter is the right thing in the right place, and it would be unfair to others who contributed materially to the efficiency of the *Canada Farmer*, for us to take all the praise of its great merit to ourselves. We shall be very glad to get "a commendatory letter" from "LEICESTERENSIS" at the end of this year of grace, if he thinks we deserve one. Meantime, "honour to whom honour."

THE CHEMISTRY OF ODOURS.

On the evening of the 19th Jan., Mr. S. J. Lyman, of Montreal, delivered a lecture on the above topic before the Chemists' Association of that city. The *Daily News* of the 20th Jan. reports the lecture in full, and we should hope the Association had it printed in pamphlet form before the type was distributed. It is well worth preserving, and will repay any body's perusal, combining as it does, scientific accuracy with interesting facts, arrayed in a very pleasing word-dress. Only its length forbids our publication of it in full, and we may yet cull some extracts from it for our "Arts and Manufactures" department. Mr. Lyman has our thanks for his politeness in mailing us a copy of the *Daily News* containing his lecture.

EDITOR'S BOOK TABLE.

JOHN A. BRUCE & Co's., DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE FOR 1869.—In this pamphlet, which is the same size as the ONTARIO FARMER, and contains 64 well-filled pages, the Messrs. Bruce advertise "things new and old" in the seed and nursery line. Their assortment is as usual very complete, and they are up to the times with all novelties, not forgetting the far-famed "Early Rose Potato." The Messrs. Bruce, send their Catalogue post-free to all applicants. Need we say their address is Hamilton, Ont. ?