

in the coming year, we hope our successors will take some further steps to improve either the school grounds or the public parks and streets. Such a Society as this should take the lead in such work, and by its example encourage those outside the roll of our membership to beautify their own residences as well as the streets and parks of what is said to be the prettiest town in Ontario.

A large distribution of trees, plants, flowers and bulbs was made to our members at a cost of \$100.44, and on the whole satisfaction was expressed with the premiums. As a result of our efforts many new plants and flowers have been introduced into the homes and lawns of our town.

Your Directors wish to point out that although the objects of a Horticultural Society are to encourage a love of nature in regard to one branch of the vast number of subjects which come under the head "Nature Study," and which includes that which is most beautiful and good, and which has a more elevating and ennobling tendency than perhaps any other phase of natural science, yet, among in list of members we can find only one school teacher and only one clergyman, and a retired one at that, out of over a dozen teachers in town and a half dozen clergymen. Do we think too much of our Society or do they fail to appreciate a good thing when they see it?

Mr. Geo. Champion of Toronto, very kindly acted as judge at our Flower Show and delivered a very interesting and instructive address on the faults and mistakes in potting plants.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) JOHN ALLEN,

Paris, Jan. 14th, 1902.

President.

LONDON.

A very satisfactory annual meeting was held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 14th, the Rev. Dr. Bethune, President of the Society in the chair. The Officers and Board of Directors were unanimously re-elected. The financial statement showed a balance in hand of \$60.16. After an address by the President, in which he reviewed the work of the past year and suggested new matters that might be taken up during the coming season, the report of the Directors was read as follows:

The Directors of the London Horticultural Society beg to present their third annual report.

During the year 1902 they have held nine meetings for the transaction of the business of the Society, in addition to the annual meeting on the 8th of January.

Two lecturers, commissioned by the Provincial Association, addressed the pupils of the public schools on the 14th March, and in the evening a public meeting in the Collegiate Institute. The attendance at the latter was very satisfactory, and much interest in the subjects discussed was shown by the audience.

On the 25th of April a paper was read by request before the London Teachers' Association by Mr. Gammage, and addresses were delivered by Messrs. Fox and Balkwill on Horticultural Subjects. On June 15th the President addressed the Sunday School at the Chalmers' Presbyterian Church on the occasion of a distribution of flowers and plants to the pupils.

Three very successful flower shows were held during the summer months in the City Hall, which was kindly placed at the disposal of the Society by the Mayor and City Council.

The first show was held on the 7th and 8th of May, when a very fine exhibit was made of tulips, narcissus and other spring flowers. Mrs. Labatt kindly contributed an orange tree in fruit and several other specimen plants, and Mrs. Macfie a large number of cut flowers.

The second show was held on the 24th, 25th and 26th of June, the time being extended to a third day in consequence of the very wet weather which prevailed and greatly reduced the attendance. The exhibit, however, notwithstanding the cold, wet season, was very fine, the display of roses being especially striking. About forty of our members contributed flowers of many varieties, and to them is due the success of the exhibition.

The mid-summer show, the third of the season, took place on the 6th and 7th of August and was considered to be the most beautiful and the richest exhibition which the Society has yet given. This was largely due to the magnificent display of hybrid gladioli of the "Pan-American" strain contributed by Mr. H. H. Groff, of Simcoe, the master hybridist and famous grower of these magnificent flowers. He sent about a thousand spikes displaying every variety of color yet produced and great perfection of shape and size. Many of our members also exhibited Gladioli, which it would be difficult to surpass anywhere. Among these may be mentioned the grand array sent by Mr. Paine, and very fine collections by Mr. W. E. Saunders, Mr. C. J. Fox, Messrs. Gammage and Sons, Mr. E. J. Liddicoatt, W. Gilbert and others; of other flowers there in perfection a splendid display was made by a large number of our members, the excellence and variety of which was most creditable to the exhibitors, and a cause of delight and wonder to the large number of visitors.

A collective display of autumn flowers was made by the members of the Society at the annual exhibition of the Western Fair during the week beginning Sept. 15th. This was not in competition for any prize, but was intended to show the public, and especially visitors from a distance, what could be done in the way of flower production at that late period of the year. The blooms were numerous and very tastefully arranged, and attracted great attention from the throng of visitors to the Horticultural Hall. The society was awarded a diploma by the directors of the Fair in recognition of the excellence of the display.

The directors again offered three prizes at the Western Fair for the best collection of cut flowers exhibited by members of the Society. This brought out a better competition than last year, and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Wm. Moore.

During the year the members of the society received as premiums, in addition to the plant from the Fruit Growers Association, a bulb of *Lilium speciosum* and seeds of *Dolichos* and *Salpiglossis* in the spring, and in the autumn half a dozen *Hyacinth* bulbs. Mr. Gammage, with great generosity, also presented each member with four named varieties of *Chrysanthemums* in pots.

An invitation was sent to all our members to at-