growing for a time, the increase in the diameter of the wholly overlook the numbers that are not touched; and stems, thus enclosed, forces them together, and they assume all the appearance of being united to one common stem .- American Agriculturist.

The following remarks taken from an editorial of the Gardner's Chronicle for April 28, having reference to the severity of the weather in England at that period, will not be deemed wholly inapplicable to the season The coincidence is a little remarkable. in Canada. Let us hope that both here and at home, Providence may yet smile upon the husbandman's labours, and crown the year with an abundant harvest.

THE SEASON IN ENGLAND.

"What Weather ! What wretched weather in April 1 Did you ever know so had a spring ?" are questions put on all sides, every one believing, as they always do, that the bad weather of the day is the very worst that has been ever felt; so keen is our perception of pain present, and so quick our forgetfulness of pain past. For ourselves we neither admit London weather to have been unusually severe, nor the spring itself un-usually unpropitious. In April 1819, we forget the snow and sleet, and heavy rains, of April 1848, especially since the latter tell by night, and the former have fallen since the latter fell by night, and the former snow, and a 2nd, 5s., Mr. Turner, by day. No doubt there has been more snow, and a 2nd, 5s., Mr. Gordon. we always have; the season itself is backward, and May, 1849, will resemble April, 1848. So much the better.

Nothing is more disadvantageous to this country than the nice comfortable warm springs which tender folks delight in. Such springs only force into growth a deli-cate race which the first cold night cuts off. It is delightful to see on the very threshold of winter, as we quit our dreary tent, the meadows sparkling with vernal flowers, and the orchards painted white and pink with the delicate harbingers of autumnal fruit, and to feel the soft west wind as the Atlantic breathes upon the northern shores. It is a charming thing to realize the old poet's description :-

" Whanne that April with his shoures sote The droughte of March hath perced to the rote; And bathed every veine in switche licour, Of whiche vertue engendred is the flour; Whan Zephirus eke with his sote brethe Enspired hath in every holt and hethe The tendre croppes, and the yonge Sonne, Hath in the Ram his halfe cours yronne, And smale foules maken melodie, That slepen alle night with open eye. So priketh hem nature in hir corages ; Than longen folk to gon on pilgrimages, &c. &c." Nothing can be more agreeable. But unfortunately

such pleasures carry penalties in their train, and the fair promise of CHAUCER'S spring is too frequently marred by an unpoetical May. There can be no doubt that upon the whole such springs as we are now enduring are far more advantageous to the cultivator than the brilliant days in which holiday folks delight. It generally happens in cold springs that when the cold weather does leave us we feel no more of it; and it is always found that the flowers "engendred" amidst storms and sleet, are the most capable of enduring such cold as they may have to bear.

Such is the case in the present spring. The Plums and Cherries have suffered no great damage; Pears will for anything that has yet happened, be a crop, and as for Apples, they are as safe as if it were at Christmas. Of course we speak of the neighbourhood of London. And yet, because the flowers of standard Apricots are They find a great part of the Pear blossoms black ; they advertised,

it never occurs to them that the destruction, by some means or other, of four-fifths of all the blossoms that ever appear is indispensable ; if they are not carried off by frost, they must prey on each other and fall, from the impossibility of the trees that bore them ever bringing up such a proligious brood.

TORONTO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The first exhibition of this Society, since its reorganization, was held at the Government House Grounds, on Wednesday, the 31st May last.

Considering the backwardness of the spring, the sho 1 of flowers and vegetables was highly creditable, and gave promise of interesting displays in future. We trust our citizens and gardeners generally will give their aid and countenance to this useful and pleasant enterprize.

The following is a list of successful competitors. Those articles which are marked as second best are not entitled to prizes, but will obtain for the exhibitors a certificate of honour at the end of the season. Those persons who have obtained prizes will receive similar certificates.

12 Greenhouse Plants-Ist prize, 10s., Mr. Fleming; 5s., Mr. Turner, for W. H. Boulton, Esq.; ?

6 Cactuses-Prize, 7s. 6d., Hon. Mr. H. Sherwood. 12 Geraniums-1st, 7s. 6d., Mr. Fleming; 2nd, 5s., Mr. Fleming.

1 Seedling Geranium-Prize 5s. Mr. Fleming. 12 Roses-1st, 7s. 6d., Mr. Turner, for W. H. Boulton, Esq.; 2nd, 5s., Mr. Fleming.

12 Pansies-Prize 5s, Mr. Collier; 2nd best, Mr. Leslie.

12 Tulips-1st prize, 5s, Mr. Collier; 2nd, 5s, Mr. F. Stow.

Early Annuals-Prize 5s, Mrs. Bull.

Bouquet-Prize 5s, Mr. Fleming; 2nd best, Mr. Henry Sherwood.

Floral Ornament-1st prize 5s, Mr. Fleming; 2nd 5s, Mr. Leslie.

12 Hyacinths-Prize 5s, Mr. Leslie.

12 Table Apples-1st prize 5s, Mr. Mackenzie; 2nd 5s, Mr. Tattle.

Brace of Cucumbers-1st prize 5s, Mr. Lewis; 2nd 5s, Mr. Margetson.

50 Head of Asparagus--1st 5s, Mr. Burns ; 2nd 5s, Mr. Fieming

Sea Cale-1st prize 5s, Mr. Burns; 2nd best, Mr. Turner.

Spring Spinach—Prize 5s, Mr. Tattle.

Fall Spinach-Prize 5s, Mr. Turner.

Rhubarb-1st 5s, Mr. Fleming; 2nd 5s, Mr. Margetson.

50 Radishes-1st prize 5s, Mr. Margetson ; 2nd best, Mr. Grainger.

Lettuces-1st prize 5s, Mr. Lewis; 2nd best, Mr. Grainger.

Half Peck Potatoes-1st prize 5s, Mr. Tattle; 2nd best, Mr. Tattle.

Mushrooms-Prize 5s, Mr. Grainger.

EXTRA PRIZES.

Box of Early Vegetables-5s, Mr. Tattle.

Group of Plants-5s, Mr. Bull.

12 Verbenas-5s, Mr. Turner.

Floral Ornaments-erected on tent-5s, Mr. Logan. The Midsummer Exhibition will be held on some killed, and a good many Gooseberries have perished in day between the 16th and 21st of July. The particuthe snow, we hear men crying that they are ruined. lar day and prizes to be competed for will be duly