

of Brandon citizens, that as soon as they saw it was a fact, they generously, in every possible way, lent their aid in making the Flower Show, both horticulturally and socially, a success. And it was not the fault of the citizens that it was not a financial success also, but it may be attributed to the shyness of the committee. Yet, through the generosity of the City Council and other love-working members, we were able on Tuesday last, at our annual meeting, to show a balance on the right side of the balance sheet.

We are further encouraged by the fact that our exhibition has brought out not a few kindred spirits, which will materially enhance the consolidation of our Society for carrying out the work for which it was instituted, viz: For the general advancement of Horticulture and kindred subjects.

1st. Specifically to assist and advise our City Council in improving the City and its environments by tree planting, &c.

2nd. To assist by advice and otherwise the Prairie Home Farmers in improving their surroundings.

3rd. To stimulate and encourage all towns and villages within our reach to form like Societies.

4th. To have an annual exhibition of plants, fruit, flowers, vegetables and cottage industries, to be held at the exact season favorable to the fullest completion and highest development of vegetation, in connection with which to have garden and lawn competitions, also competitions in window gardening and other outside displays, also farm garden competitions.

5th. To have monthly meetings for reading papers, exchanging plants, cuttings and seeds; to offer prizes for any production out of season for the general show, and to give certificates of merit for any meritorious production.

Our membership for 1898 was 146. The Exhibition brought out over 70 competitors and exhibitors. We offered about \$300 in prizes in 11 sections of 150 classes, of which