

*Dahlias* have been greatly improved from the almost single flower of twenty-five years ago, to the perfect ball-shaped flower of the present day.

The common *Violet* has been more than replaced by choice English and French *Pansies*, while the dark-leaved *Acyranthus*, *Perilla nan Kanensis*, *Amaranthus*, &c., to the beautiful yellow of the *Golden Pyrethrum*, and the delicate blue of the *Lobelia*, give a combination of colors which cannot easily be described.

In conclusion, I would say, to the fathers and mothers of our fair and peaceful land, *by all means* cultivate fruit and flowers, thus forming in the minds of yourselves and your children, a love for the beautiful, as well as a *love for home*.

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THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE have much pleasure in drawing the attention of members of the Association, and readers generally, to the very excellent portrait of the late Dr. HAMILTON in the front of this volume; also the following extract from President WILDER's address, shewing the esteem in which our lamented President was held by his associates in the American Pomological Society; and the accompanying paper on Fruits and Fruit-Culture in Nova Scotia, which they have taken the liberty of reproducing from the reports of that Society:—

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(From American Pomological Society's Report, 1881.)

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—HON. M. P. WILDER.—“NECROLOGY.”

“While we rejoice in the prosperity of our Society, and the presence of so many old friends who have been spared to this day, and extend fraternal greeting to all who have come up to aid us in the promotion of our noble work, we have to mourn the loss of several who held official relations with us, and of others who have been ardently devoted to our cause.”

“CHARLES COTNAM HAMILTON, M. D., Vice-President for our Society in Nova Scotia, died at his residence in Canard, King's Co.,