

teresting talk on the Cyclamen, also given as a premium by the society. It was introduced from North Italy, where it grows so freely that the hogs feed on it, but careful cultivation has improved the flower greatly. He had known a lady to plant the bulb wrong side up; there is always a small depression on the side that should be planted uppermost. The soil must be kept moist. The Begonia is a fine plant, but the Gloxinia is difficult to grow. Questioned concerning Azaleas, Mr. Maxsom said he had seen plants 40 years old at the Governor-General's house at Ottawa, but peat had to be specially imported from Wimbledon Common, England, for use of the plants. All Azaleas have a little ball of peat about the hair-like roots, and they seem to thrive until the nutriment has been exhausted. Of hardy plants we would recommend ferns, begonias, rubber plants and cyclamens as likely to survive any ordinary kind of neglect.

In reply to a question whether newly-planted shoots of Boston Ivy required particular care, Mr. Maxsom replied in the negative. It might be well to cover the roots.

The meeting was brought to a close about 10.30 by all singing the national anthem, led by Mr. J. H. Knight.

The graphophone used by Mr. Stevens during the evening was kindly loaned by Mr. R. Chambers. The numerous selections given were greatly enjoyed.—Lindsay Post.

LINDSAY.—The annual meeting of the Lindsay Horticultural Society was held Wednesday evening last at 7.30, in the council chamber, to receive the treasurer's report and elect officers and directors for the year 1901. Treasurer Frampton's report disclosed a very satisfactory state of affairs, the financial position being as follows;

Receipts, 1900.

Balance on hand Jan. 10th, 1900.....	\$117.42
Legislative grant	77.00
Members' subscriptions.....	114.00
Sale of plants.....	2.20

Total receipts.....\$310.62

Expenditure.

Meetings for discussion of Horticultural subjects	\$ 19.50
Horticultural periodicals.....	86.98
Purchase of Plants.....	94.94
Working expenses, including secretary's salary	25.93
Extra printing	6.00

\$233.35

Balance in hand.....\$77.27

KINCARDINE.—The annual meeting was held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 9th, 1901. The officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Mr. Barker, the efficient secretary of the society, presented the following report:—

In submitting the fourth annual report he congratulated the society on the marked progress which it has made during its four years of existence which commenced with a membership of fifty-nine and has now attained a growth of ninety members.

For the information of the members and others the secretary prepared a statement showing the exact number of plants, bulbs and fruit trees which have been purchased by the society and distributed to the members last year in accordance with the selections made by them are as follows:—

Collection 1.—27 azaleas, 27 gloxinias, 54 begonias.

2.—14 *Fosterina* palms in pots.

3.—6 palms, *Phoenix reclinata*; 18 begonias, red white and yellow.

4.—10 Boston sword ferns in pots, 40 carnations.

5.—52 dahlias, assorted colors; 13 gloxinias, 13 new Russian violets, 39 single tuberous begonias and 39 double.

6.—20 fuschias, 20 geraniums, 1c Russian violets 20 dahlias, 20 chrysanthemums, 20 carnations.

7.—42 double hyacinths and 42 single.

8.—6 cannas and 40 gladioli.

9.—12 flowering shrubs.

10.—10 cherry trees, Ely, Richmond and Black Vartarian; 10 peach trees, Crosby and Early Crawford.

11.—36 raspberry bushes, 6 of each of six kinds.

12.—110 currant bushes, two years old, first-class, of the following varieties; Champion, Black Naples White Grape, Fay's Prolific and Cherry.

In addition to the above, the Fruit Growers' Association have presented annually to the members of the horticultural societies of Ontario a premium such as newly introduced pear, plum, peach, also small fruits such as the best varieties of raspberry and currant, besides ornamental vines, shrubs and roses. Our members have also received from the above association the annual report of their proceedings—a neatly bound volume containing most valuable instructions and information to fruit growers in Canada, and then each member gets the Canadian Horticulturist magazine every month during the year, and we have no hesitation in declaring this monthly visitor to be the peer of its kind published in Canada, giving such plain instructions regarding the cultivation of fruit and flowers, which make it indispensable to our members and worth much more than our small membership fee of \$1.

Our society last year was in a position to give material aid and encouragement to the Juvenile Flower League of Kincardine by purchasing for them, with their own funds, plants and flower seeds at lowest possible price by which, said League was enabled to make a highly creditable showing in conjunction with our own exhibition last fall.

May we not hope for even greater success in this the first year of a new century? We bespeak the hearty co-operation of every lover of flowers and fruit in Kincardine.

JOSEPH BARKER, Secy.

ORILLIA.—The annual meeting was held on Wednesday evening January 9th, in the Council Chamber. The President, Mr. G. I. Bolster, occupied the chair. The financial statement for the past year, duly audited and certified by Messrs. J. B. Marston and G. H. Clark, was presented by the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. C. L. Stephens. It showed amongst other matters that \$147 had been paid out for prizes awarded at the fall show, with a balance remaining on hand at the close of the