

our Young People in Floral and Horticultural Matters." This address is published elsewhere in this issue. Following this the delegates joined in a discussion of the lines of work that can be carried on by horticultural societies and described the methods their organizations have adopted.

A public mass meeting was held Tuesday evening in which the members of all the different organizations connected with the exhibition joined. The gathering, which passed off very successfully, was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. The Hon. John Dryden presided and as usual made a most capable chairman.

An address of welcome was given by Mayor Thos. Urquhart, of Toronto, who in the course of his remarks expressed the hope that the exhibition will become an annual affair and that in the near future Toronto will be able to provide a suitable building for such a gathering.

In his address the Hon. John Dryden referred to the importance of the horticultural interests of the province and urged the citizens of Toronto to attend the exhibition. He announced that the department realized the need for better instruction in horticultural matters and that it had felt that an exhibition, such as the one being held, would prove valuable educationally. The importance of seeing that Canadian fruit is properly packed was mentioned and in this connection Mr. Dryden stated he was willing to select and send some Canadians to the United States to learn the best methods in vogue there, or to import some of the most successful packers from the United States, to show our Canadian packers how fruit should be packed. This announcement met with general approval.

An interesting address was delivered by Dr. James Fletcher, of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, who spoke on "What the Busy Bee is Doing," and succeeded in thoroughly interesting every per-

son present. A scholarly address was given by Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who spoke on "Horticulture in Ontario." The immense importance of the floral interests of the United States were mentioned, as well as the need for a greater interest in horticultural matters. The gathering was a success and next year will undoubtedly be more largely attended.

At the Wednesday morning session of the Horticultural convention Mr. H. B. Cowan, Supt of Horticultural Societies, spoke on the relation of the Agricultural and Arts Act to horticultural societies. This was followed by a most interesting discussion, an account of which appears in this issue. A paper on "Best annuals for Cut Flowers," presented by Mr. Roderick Cameron, of Niagara Falls, Ont., is also published in this issue.

Three addresses, all of great interest, were delivered at the afternoon meeting of the convention. The meeting was presided over by Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture. As usual, when he is chairman, Mr. Dryden kept everything moving smoothly and the gathering passed off very successfully. The subjects discussed were "Hardy Vines for the House and Garden," by Mr. W. T. Macoun, Ottawa; "What May be Grown in a Small Garden During One Season," by Mr. R. B. Whyte, Ottawa, and the "Care of Window Plants," by Wm. Hunt, of the O. A. C., Guelph. Extracts from several of these addresses are published in this issue of *The Horticulturist*.

The closing session of the horticultural convention was held Wednesday evening. The principal address of the evening was delivered by Mr. H. H. Groff, of Simcoe, the noted originator of Gladioli, who spoke on the subject, "Improvement of Plants by Hybridization." A number of those present attended the meeting solely to hear Mr. Groff. An interesting address on "The