

were also given by Mr. Will McLeod and Master Willie Hays. The meeting was in every respect a gratifying success, and will, no doubt, do much good in the way of stimulating renewed interest in the society, as well as in the pleasant pursuits of floriculture and horticulture. In the afternoon Mr. McNeill addressed the students of the Collegiate Institute, and Miss Rose the pupils of the public school."

Mr. McNeill is indeed a practical man and speaks of what he knows. Miss Rose's address was simple, yet pleasing and instructive. There will certainly be some results from their visits to the various towns.

Our society has grown some this year, both in numbers and in interest.

Although you do not very often hear from us, we nevertheless very much appreciate the Horticulturist.

V. KNECHLER, Secretary.

PICTON.—The addresses given by Miss Maddock and Mr. Hutt on Monday evening, in Shire Hall, under the patronage of the Picton Horticultural Society, were a decided success. The hall was full, the audience being very attentive and appreciative of the matter laid before them. The question box was well patronized, and the information clearly given by Mr. Hutt and Mr. Wise, florist at Messrs. J. Terrill & Sons'. The subjects dealt with by Miss Maddock were principally "Beautifying the Home," and "Domestic Science," while Mr. Hutt spoke of the "Birds and Insects," in relation to flowers and trees. Both speakers referred to the remarkable success of Mr. Ross, the secretary of the society, with the tropical and economic plants he has given his attention to. These lectures to the horticultural societies are now under the management of, and the delegates are sent by the superintendent of the Farmers' Institutes, and no doubt will be of much value to those interested in horticulture.

CARDINAL.—The officers and directors of the society have reason to feel satisfied with the good success that attended the afternoon and evening meetings on Tuesday last. The society was favored with the presence and help of Mr. W. N. Hutt, of Southend, and Miss Blanche Maddock, of Guelph. In the afternoon the scholars of the Public School were treated to an address by each of the above named visitors, and so interested were the children with the addresses that they called "More, more."

The Town Hall in the evening was most tastefully arranged with bunting, flags, flowers, etc., and the display of plants on the platform was handsome. President R. B. Dowsley, Reeve of the village, acted as chairman. A short musical programme had been arranged, including songs from Mrs. W. B. Sweet, Mrs. N. Bolton, Miss E. Ross and Rev. Mr. Stafford, while Mrs. W. A. Logan and Miss Ross acted as piano accompanists.

A large audience assembled which completely filled the seating capacity of the hall. Two addresses were delivered by Mr. Hutt and one by Miss Maddock. In a racy, interesting and most instructive manner Mr. Hutt dealt with pruning, spraying, insects, birds, etc., and Miss Maddock on the mission of flowers and window gardening. At the close Mr. W. A. Logan, in moving a vote of

thanks, and Mr. M. L. Connelly in seconding the same voiced the sentiment of all present in pronouncing the meeting one of the best and most instructive the society had ever held.

For a membership fee of only one dollar per year, there is given about twice that amount in plants, bulbs, etc., and in addition a monthly horticultural journal.

PERTH.—The above Society held its first open meeting yesterday in the Town Hall here. There was no distribution, as we had distributed four tuberous begonias and six gladioli a short time before, and have yet to receive our Crimson Rambler rose and clematis paniculata for later distributing.

The committee appointed for the purpose had the stage beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, and flowering plants in great profusion.

At three in the afternoon all the schools of our town turned out with their teachers and paraded to the Hall. There were upwards of 500 pupils there. The meeting was opened by Mr. Charles Meighen, the Chairman of the School Board, in a very neatly turned speech, introducing Dr. Jas. Fletcher.

Dr. Fletcher is Entomologist and Botanist at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, but, as he humorously puts it, he is more familiarly known as the "bug and weed man." He kept the attention of his audience riveted for three-quarters of an hour by his simple delivery and the simple facts he brought to their attention. The text of his lecture was "The Value of Nature's Study in Education," and he brought out many things that it would be well for young and old to remember.

In the evening Dr. Fletcher addressed the members of the Society and their friends, to the number of about 400. The Mayor, Mr. J. A. Stewart, opened the meeting with a short address, setting forth the aims and objects of the Society and the benefits derived from membership. Dr. Fletcher then spoke a half hour on "The gardener's insects' enemies." This was extremely interesting and instructive. The Doctor's address on this subject is not nearly as bloodthirsty as one would think from the title. In fact I think he would rather preserve the lives of the innocent insects than to destroy them; but in the meantime he gave us many practical hints in the best ways to preserve our fruit and flowers. He divided the insects into two classes; those having mouths with which they devour the foliage, and those having suckers, by means of which they sap the life of the plant from within. Dr. Fletcher then described thoroughly the use, and the way to use coal oil, paris green and insect powders as insect destroyers.

After this part there was a short musical programme, when Dr. Fletcher continued his discourse, taking for his subject "Some plants worth growing." He took up the four plants we are distributing, also the "Golden Glow."

Without doubt these meetings are splendid things, and great good should result from them. Dr. Fletcher reached 900 people yesterday, and turned their thoughts in the right direction for this season of the year. •

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