

we must all feel in the small support we receive from our professional friends whom we would naturally expect be the leaders in these matters, the more particularly so from the fact that while there may be some trouble and no money in it, yet these exhibitions must tend much to foster a love for flowers which should ultimately be to their benefit and add greatly to our pleasure

W., before Woodstock Society.

HAMILTON.—There was a fair attendance of members at the third annual meeting of the Hamilton Horticultural Society last evening in the Hamilton Association's room. President A. Alexander occupied the chair. J. M. Dickson, secretary, presented a satisfactory report of the society's work for the year. There were held ten general meetings and ten director's meetings. Six papers were read and several addresses delivered on horticultural topics. Two exhibitions were held, in June and November. At the first the expenses were \$115.76, and the receipts \$21.05, a loss of \$94.71; at the second the expenditures were \$84.55, and the receipts \$36.45, a total loss of \$142.81. Two distributions of premiums were made, one by the Ontario Fruit Grower's Association and the other by the Society.

The finances of the year were: Receipts, \$670.53; expenditures, \$528.60; balance in hand, \$141.93. There were 148 paid-up members on the books.

On motion of President Alexander, seconded by Frederick H. Lamb, the report was adopted.

The election of officers resulted in the election of A. Alexander, president, and J. M. Dickson, secretary.

The question of the composition of the board of parks commissioners was brought up by the president. Mr. Alexander said the Society had, at least, an interest in the selection of the board. The commissioners would have absolute power and the greatest care should be taken in their choice. They should be free from political bias and mercenary aims, and should have a natural taste for the beautiful and leisure to devote to the work of the board. He thought the society ought to recommend one or two names of men it thought qualified to act as commissioners. He could see there would be great difficulty in the aldermen agreeing on the six required from the large number nominated by the mayor.

Mr. Cauley was of opinion that the Society should assist in picking out the most competent men for the positions. He suggested Mr. Alexander and Mr. Kilvington.

Frederick H. Lamb thought it would be injudicious to name anyone.

F. B. Greening favored going through the list of nominations and suggesting six as the society's choice.

Robert Wilson was of the opinion it would be injudicious to mention names. A resolution asking that care be taken in the selection was all that ought to be sent to those who would make the choice.

Mr. Greening said he could not see how the council could take umbrage at the society making suggestions any more than against the Improvement society for its suggestions.

Finally, on motion of S. Aylett, seconded by F. B. Greening, it was resolved that a deputation from the society place twelve names of worthy men before Mayor Teetzel, with the suggestion that from them be chosen the required six. The officers and directors were appointed to make the selection of the twelve.

At the close of the business meeting the officers and directors met, and after unanimously re-electing J. M. Dickson secretary-treasurer, proceeded to pick the selection from the mayor's battalion of nominations. They proved to be these:

A. Alexander.
Frederick H. Lamb.
B. E. Charlton.
John Knox.
F. W. Fearman.
John A. Bruce.
J. G. Bowes.
J. J. Evel.
H. P. Coburn.
C. D. Dexter.
George Rutherford.
J. G. Y. Burkholder.

Rev. A. McLaren, J. Kneeshaw and Secretary Dickson were appointed the deputation to lay before the mayor the names selected on behalf of the society.

LONDON.—The inaugural meeting of the London Horticultural Society took place last night in the lecture room of the Y. M. C. A. The meeting was well attended and the proceedings were throughout of the most enthusiastic and harmonious nature. The new society enters upon its career under the most favorable circumstances, having already secured over 100 members.

The meeting opened about 8 o'clock with Mr. J. A. Balkwill in the chair, and Mr. W. E. Saunders acting as secretary. The first business was the election of officers, but before it was proceeded with Rev. Dr. Bethune was asked to favor the meeting with some facts as to the formation and advantages of horticultural societies, he having been a member of the horticultural society at Port Hope during his residence there. Dr. Bethune responded and threw considerable light on the subject. A number of new members were enrolled, and the election of officers was then proceeded with, resulting in the election of J. A. Balkwill, president, and R. W. Rennie, secretary.

The adoption of by-laws was then proceeded with, this order of business being greatly expedited by the fact that the act under which the society is formed provides certain by-laws that must be adopted. Considerable discussion was evoked by the fact that there already existed the District of London Horticultural and Agricultural Society, and it was feared that confusion would arise in the names. The president explained that the name of the society had been fixed by the government and that the other society would amend its name so as to avoid confusion. The object of the society, as set forth in the by-laws, is the encouragement of horticulture. Four public meetings must be held every year, at which flowers, plants, fruits, etc., may be exhibited by members and the public. Members of the Society are entitled to membership in the Fruit Grower's