

the Camellia and Dahlia, were in vogue. The *Weigela rosea* was introduced by Mr. Wilder, the Champion of England Pea by Azell Bowditch, and the Jenny Lind Strawberry by the originator. The *Dielytra Spectabilis* appeared in 1852.

1853 was made memorable by the exhibition of the Victoria regia. The Concord Grape, the Dana's Hovey and the Beurre Superfin pears were first shown. The first hybrid grape, originated by J. F. Allen, and bearing his name, was shown by him in 1854. This was the first step in the improvement of native grapes. This year was marked by the exhibition from Marshall P. Wilder of the *Cissus discolor*, one of the harbingers of the endless variety of ornamental foliage plants. The *Clematis Jackmanni* was shown in 1856. In 1857 the *Deutzia gracilis*. The *Versaillaise Currant* by W. C. Strong.

The Wilson's Albany Strawberry was shown in 1859. Orchard house culture was becoming general. Hybrid perpetual roses received increased attention. Crawford's late peaches shown, and Clapp's Favorite Pear for the first time.

Rogers Hybrid Grapes first shown in 1861. The *Lilium Auratum* in 1862. The next year witnessed displays of seedling *Gladioli*. The Hunnewell Triennial premiums were established by the generous patron of horticulture whose name they bear, to promote the general application of science, skill, and taste to landscape gardening.

On the third era of the existence of the Society the Rho do dendron Show on the Common was held in Boston. Ex-President Stickney and John Lewis Russell contributed valuable gifts to the library. Mr. Strong inaugurated the collecting and distributing horticultural information. Ex-President Hovey ably assisted in a series of singularly important volumes. Carpet and ribbon gardening received development; this rendered possible by the introduction of new varieties of *Pelargoniums*, *Coleus*, *Achyranthus*, and *Centaurea*. Sub-tropical gardening was introduced by the use of palms, tree-ferns, agaves, musas, dracenas, caladiums, and similar plants.

The result of these efforts of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society have been very apparent in the increasing market for flowers, not only in Boston but throughout the State. Similar effects are here and there manifest in Canada. The issue is no mean result of half a century's work. The men who have engaged in it, and devoted means, health, and labor for its accomplishment, will live for ever in the