

DOINGS OF OTHER SOCIETIES.

will be an increased planting in this department hereabouts, I am sure, from evidences in the gathering.

OWEN SOUND was the next place to visit. In this picturesquely situated and fast growing town your Society's membership, though not large, has a deep, intelligent interest in the work of the society and the meeting was, I believe, profitable to all. Ven. Archdeacon McMuller occupied the chair and opened the meeting in good spirit. For nearly two hours of address and answering of queries a lively interest was displayed in the subject of floriculture, as they sought guidance for the watering, care, propagation, growing from seed, pruning and keeping of their plants from season to season. Many lovers of the great families of bulbous plants are here, and we believe that in this locality many hardy border plants and gorgeous flowering lilies may be successfully grown. Perpetual Roses should find a congenial clime and soil. We forecast a great future for Horticultural Society and town.

ORANGEVILLE.—We closed the first week's work, March 25th, at Orangeville. Arriving in good time I had an opportunity of making the acquaintance of a number of citizens and the officers of the Horticultural Society. This being the second annual meeting a good deal of enthusiasm prevailed, and very nice preparations were made for the evening. The local greenhouse men, Messrs. Maun and Nicholson, furnished plants as specimens, and there did not seem to be a director that was not a worker and willing to give time and material to decorate the Town Hall, hence a full house of several hundred people. Music furnished by the orchestra in good style, also the gramophone. Mr. Walsh made a first-rate chairman, with a strong and pleasing personality and happy address. The various officers seem to be well and wisely chosen; gentlemen eminently fitted by their ability and natural love of the objects of the Society and with a set purpose to attain the best ends before it. They advertised their meeting well and systematically—first by local papers, lastly by hand-bills—then announcing it in every school. Result: a large house thoroughly interested and willingly listening for about two hours to address and replies to questions, the subject being almost inexhaustible to enthusiastic lovers of nature. Here! Mr. Woolverton, I am of opinion is one of the best organized, successful and most aggressive Horticultural Societies in Ontario. W. E. Judge, Sec., John McLaren, Pres., and Mr. Walsh, Vice-Pres., are in their right place and deserve the sincere thanks of the community for their earnest efforts. The ladies evinced an intelligent acquaintance with many varieties of plants and their requirements. Success to Orangeville.

NIAGARA FALLS.—Had a full afternoon to

make acquaintance with the refined and kindly people of this historic place. Evidence of the love of the many beautiful varieties of plants now to be had was to be seen in almost every home. The directors are a live lot of men, full of push and faith, and do things in a business-like way excepting, perhaps, a little more hand-bill advertizing might make for the better. The meeting, though not large, was very select. The Rev. Canon Bull occupied the chair, and very gracefully put the objects of the gathering forward and gave a right tone to the evening. There were really some very nice specimens of *Genista*, *Abutilon*, *Geranium* and other plants, grown by Mr. G. Pyper, who well understands the art. Also cut flowers, by Mr. Cameron of the park, lovely trusses of geraniums, heliotropes, gorgeous spikes of cannas in many colors, etc. They here heard gladly what we had to say and elicited by questioning much information and volunteered freely their own experience.

KINCARDINE.—On March 31st, the annual meeting was held. Our visit was very pleasant and the people seemed to enjoy much what was done. The officers are aggressive as will be seen from the fact that they now have a membership of 98. This has been accomplished by energy and perseverance on the part of the directors. There are here those who are determined to succeed. Much intelligence was displayed in the discussion of plant life, etc. They were very sincere and hearty in their expression of thankfulness to the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association for the generous extension of help to their Society. The Society will accomplish much in this vicinity to awaken a deep interest in gardening and plant culture. It is a pleasure to meet a people like this.

MIDLAND.—At Midland we had a large and enthusiastic gathering. It was to be regretted that several of the officers were indisposed. However, Miss M. Tully the Secretary, is a host in herself, and Mr. Cook, Vice-president, filled well the chair. The meeting was opened by songs well rendered by Mr. Hunter, and at intervals by two ladies whose names (unpardonably) I have let slip, who were in "good voice" and evidently favorites. There was a keen interest taken in the direction of finding out the secret of plant culture in the house, specially, after that from the address delivered they discovered that they had fallen into the error of giving plants too large a pot, etc. Many came to express their pleasure and satisfaction with this information so generously given by the O. F. G. Association and hoped for future visits—especially as this evening was spent almost exclusively among the family of bulbs at their request. The Midland people have the elements of a large and prosperous Horticultural Society.

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