

Before adjournment, an invitation from a committee of gentlemen of the Town, was given to all the members present to attend a *conversazione* at 7.30 that evening, to be held in conjunction with a show of Fruit and Flowers in the Court House.

CONVERSAZIONE.—On arriving at the Court House at the time appointed, we found it brilliantly lighted and very well filled with the élite and beauty of the Town, who were busily employed in examining and admiring the different Fruits, Flowers and Vegetables, arranged on the tables and stands prepared for the purpose.

After a considerable time had been devoted to that object and to general conversation on the merits of the different articles exhibited, the meeting was called to order, by appointing P. Bonnett, Esq., High Sheriff of the County, to the chair. On taking his seat, the chairman spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to meet with prominent Fruit Growers and Horticulturists from other parts of the Province, and bade them a hearty welcome to "The Old Town of Port Royal." He then called upon the President of the Association, Dr. Hamilton, to address the meeting. The President spoke for some time, reviewing the rise, progress and labors of the Association, shewing that it was not merely a local institution, as some persons had intimated, but that it embraced the whole Province, and was free for all to join and participate in. He was followed by several other gentlemen, and the speeches were interspersed with music from a large cabinet organ which was played with much taste and expression by a young lady.

THE EXHIBITION.—The impromptu show of Fruit, Flowers and Vegetables was certainly very fine, considering the want of time for preparation, and that there were no prizes offered to stimulate exhibitors. Some of the Fruits were exceptionally large and fine. In Cherries, the most noticeable were Belle de Choisy, Waterloo, Bigarreau or Yellow Spanish, Black Tartarian, Black Heart and Starr's Prolific. Several seedlings were shown that gave promise of good qualities, but were generally late and not fully ripe. Several dishes of Strawberries, Triomphe de Gana, Jucunda, and Wilson's Albany, were well grown handsome fruit. In Currants, Red and White Dutch and White Grape were shown in great perfection. Two or three dishes of Gooseberries, large