

evening Dr. W. M. Wheeler delivered a most delightful and instructive lecture on "Ants." This was illustrated by a collection of exceptionally good lantern slides. All of the papers, etc., presented at the meeting will be published in full in the Annual Report of the Society.

On August 29th the Society entertained the members and delegates to an excursion to the Grimsby district, where collections of insects were made and several orchards visited, which showed full well the value of spraying, etc., to control injurious insects.

Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion Entomologist, Ottawa, was elected President of the Society for 1913-1914. The City of Toronto was decided as the place of the next meeting.

POPULARITY AND ROLE OF THE ROSE.*

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The popularity of the rose is rapidly increasing. To such an extent is this true that quantities of beautiful roses belonging to the Hybrid Tea class are now being planted in sections of country where up till recently it was thought impossible to grow with safety roses of this class at all. For instance, several rose lovers in Canada have recently planted large quantities, of the best varieties that it was possible to import, of these roses. With slight winter protection many of them are apparently quite adapted to conditions of climate as far north as Montreal and Ottawa.

In connection with the spread of this flower, it may be apropos to ask why it is that it has always held the premier position amongst flowers?

In the spread of culture and the aesthetic spirit throughout the world the role which the rose has played has been an important one, and in this paper it is the intention to briefly discuss that role.

The fact that somewhere during every hour of every day and night the sun is shining somewhere in that vast empire called British is often emphasized. Another fact equally significant to us perhaps in another way is that that same sun every day of the 365 of every year calls into fragrance and beauty somewhere in that same vast empire blossoms of one of the most perfect of flowers, the rose. Although this statement may perhaps sound exaggerated, it is nevertheless true. Roses

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