

* Our Affiliated Societies. *



FIG. 1245.—PHOTO. SHOWING ARRANGEMENT OF PLANTS AND
FLOWERS IN CENTRE OF HALL.

Kincardine Horticultural Society.

On short notice, President A. C. Washburn and his board of directors set to work to hold a floral and horticultural exhibition in the town hall. The date was Friday last, afternoon and evening, and the success which attended the affair exceeded the most sanguine anticipations of the promoters. All day Thursday plants, flowers and fruits with a few vegetables were gathered from those who had an interest in the Society, and under the able direction of the president and Mrs. Washburn, willing hands in a very short time transformed the Town Hall into one vast bower of bloom and foliage. In the centre of the hall was an octagonal pyramid, having a diameter of about twelve feet, and towering up to about as many feet in height. This was surmounted by a magnificent pot of Dahlias, while the sides contained potted plants, many of them possessing magnificent bloom and others beautiful foliage. Extending down the east and west sides and across the rear of the hall, were arranged tables which bore a wealth of plants and cut flowers, including everything that was beautiful in Palms, Begonias, Oleanders, Hibiscus, Fuchsias, Geraniums, Lilies, Cannas, etc., with a profusion of cut Roses, Gladioli, Asters, Dahlias, Sweet Peas, etc.

The show of Plums and Pears with a few Apples was very creditable, while the larger vegetables were represented by Pumpkins and Squashes. The stage was beautifully set with foliage and flowering plants. One striking feature of the exhibition was the results shown of the fruit spraying in Norman McPherson's orchard by Mr. Dewar, who con-

ducted the spraying during the spring months under the direction of the Agricultural Department of the Ontario Government. Mr. McPherson had some branches bearing fruit on exhibition. Some were cut from trees that had been sprayed, and alongside were branches from trees that had not been sprayed. It was plainly to be seen that Mr. Dewar had done his work well, and the striking object lesson was taught hundreds, the absolute necessity there was to have fruit trees sprayed, if the best results were to be looked for from the orchard. The trees that had been sprayed bore fruit of good size, clean and free from scabs, while those that had been left without spraying had fruit that was dwarfed, ill-shapen and scabby. The Horticultural Society has been the first means in this section of showing, in a public way, the splendid results which follow the proper spraying of trees, and it is quite certain that the exhibition made by Mr. McPherson will cause many to follow in the good work illustrated by Mr. Dewar in a Kincardine orchard last spring.

In the evening the Town Hall was filled with an audience which highly appreciated the exhibition. During the evening President Washburn called the audience to order and presented an excellent programme of music. In a brief speech he recounted the organization of the Society in Kincardine, showed wherein the members had been greatly benefited by the distribution of plants, bulbs and trees, and the dissemination of such literature as the *CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST* and bound volumes of the reports of the Canadian Fruit Growers' Association. The Kincardine Society had a membership of