

THE GRIMSBY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.



FIG. 1200.—VIEW OF A CORNER OF MRS. PALMER'S YARD.

The accompanying view shows a corner in Mrs Palmer's yard, with a fine hedge of Norway Spruce along one side of the lawn. This is kept closely pruned during the growing season, and is always in perfect trim.

The present Secretary is Mr. E. H. Read, whose father was formerly a manager in the Bank of Montreal—and also an officer at Fort Erie in 1837. Mr. Read has had a varied experience in banking and other business pursuits, but for the last six years has devoted himself to growing flowers, vegetables and fruit. He says that his little greenhouse has been one of the most encouraging departments of his work, and were he beginning horticultural pursuits again he would give more attention to the growing of flowering plants for sale, and less to fruits. We hope, however, for the sake of others as well as Mr. Read, that the last two years does not fairly indicate the profits of fruit growing, for many a fruit grower has not met his expenses, owing to the low prices prevailing.

This account of the Society would be incomplete if we did not mention the preparations under way for a Chrysanthemum Show in November. Every member was given six fine plants in the

spring, and each one is now cultivating these plants with great care, hoping to be able to show the finest blooms in November.



FIG. 1201.—MRS. E. J. PALMER.

We have written this account of our Grimsby Horticultural Society, hoping that now we may expect to have similar accounts from some other sister societies and thus increase the interest of the members in this journal.