

* Doings of Other Societies. *

WATERLOO.—Considering the many counter attractions, the audience gathered in the Town Hall here, last Thursday evening, to listen to Mr. Gammage's lecture to the Waterloo Horticultural Society, may be considered satisfactory. The lecturer, a practical florist, in plain language that was listened to with marked attention, gave a clear statement of facts. Commencing with house plants he showed how to obviate and overcome the dry air of our dwellings, which is so injurious to plant life, the different classes of plants in use, the rapidly increasing taste for ornamental and foliage plants, palms, ferns, feiuses, dracaenas, etc., plants for vases and hanging baskets, bulbs for winter blooming, garden plants, annuals, seed sowing, transplanting, and how to secure the best results with herbaceous perennials, cultivation and pruning of flowering shrubs, roses, etc., plants for shady places, the best and most easily grown climbers, fertilizers and their application, watering, prevention of, and remedy for insect pests, were all in turn discussed and explained. The audience showed their appreciation and interest in plying the lecturer with questions at the close, all of which were answered satisfactorily.

ORANGEVILLE.—The lecture by Mr. Wm. Bacon, of Orillia, on "Indoor and outdoor flowering plants," was much appreciated by the members of the local society and the public generally. The lecturer occupied about an hour, and afterward a large number of questions were handed in and answered to the satisfaction of all concerned. The platform was well decorated with greenhouse plants, which were made use of by the lecturer in illustration of his subject.

KINCARDINE.—The number of our membership has now reached 96. We expect to get 4 more, but they will be too late to share in your plant distribution, but they will get a big dollar's worth without it. Mr. Bacon's lecture was much appreciated. A vote of thanks was tendered the Ontario Fruit Grower's Association for their liberality in sending the lecturer, and the plants for distribution. —JOSEPH BOOKER, Secretary.

PICTON.—SIR,—Thinking you will be interested in the Spring distribution of our Horticultural Society, I enclose you a packet of seeds we had put up in Germany, and send you as well a list comprising all that was included in the distribution, the wholesale price being about \$1. Eight papers seed, 8 papers sweet peas, 1 single begonia bulb, 1 double begonia bulb, 1 gloxonia bulb. —WALTER T. ROSS.

A Lecture Tour Among the Societies.

SIR,—I thought it quite possible that you might be pleased to receive some short notice

of the meetings assigned to me under the auspices of your association, and, therefore, select the following from my note-book :

It is only just to remark that in every place your representative was shewn the utmost courtesy and kindness and many expressions were heard of the high appreciation of the Horticultural Societies at the very generous action of the executive of O.F.G.A. in providing lectures on such liberal terms, and thus encouraging an increased knowledge of the many plants, bulbs and flowers. It is the varieties, nature and requirements of very noteworthy that in such gatherings assembled you have the very cream of the communities as to refinement and intelligence—therefore the meetings are full of interest and mental activity, and always most pleasurable and elevating in their character.

THORNBURY.—On March 22nd I visited Thornbury and Clarksburg and met many old friends and a live membership of the Horticultural Society. There are here, to the population, perhaps, more ardent lovers of the beautiful in plants and flowers than any other place of its size in Ontario, and some of its citizens have beautiful specimens in ferns, palms, gloxinia, begonias, geranium, etc., and others less practiced are very eager to learn the secret of their fellow-members' success. Attendance very good, and interest keen as indicated by the pertinent questions asked concerning the many kinds spoken of, their treatment, etc. Insect pests were widely dealt with. We bespeak for this Society an increased membership, with the full determination to attain the greatest success in floriculture.

I might say, also, that this people make bright and cheerful the "place of the dead" in a very creditable and marked degree, as we know from past experience. In summer they make the cemetery their special charge. In this it would be well for many larger places to follow their example.

MEAFORD.—March 23rd, I reached Meaford in good time, and making the acquaintance of directors and members, was glad to find a very much interested people on the subject of floriculture in this beautifully situated town. The formation of the Horticultural Society has done much to awaken an interest in plants for the house, garden and park. The Secretary, President and Directors, are a most courteous group of gentlemen and will report new members right along. Mr. Cleland, Ex-M.P.P., made, in an opening address, some timely remarks anent the beautifying of the public park and enlisted the sympathy of the Society and their aid for this object. We had a capital meeting and I believe much satisfaction was felt at hearing of best proved methods of growing, renewing, watering and pruning of the many different kinds of plants and bulbs. By the way, there