

Our Affiliated Societies.

WOODSUCK.—The Horticultural Society held an interesting, though not very largely attended meeting in the council chamber last night, May 14th.

The following questions were received from J. C. Creelman, superintendent of the Department of Farmers' Institutes, and were answered as below.

What was the attendance at your meetings? Fairly good.

How were your members pleased with the addresses of the delegates? Very well pleased.

Was the lady speaker who addressed your society appreciated? Yes, very much.

Were the delegates well received at the schools and do you think this new departure a useful feature of the work? Yes.

In what branch of horticulture are your members most interested? Floriculture has the preference.

Have you any suggestions to offer in regard to next year's work? This was left in the hands of a committee, composed of the president, T. H. Parker, M. Dawes, J. S. Scarff and Robt. Woodroffe.

The matter of awarding prizes for the best kept cottage garden was discussed at length and left to the committee. The encouragement of the decoration of School grounds was also considered.

The secretary, J. S. Scarff, reported that 724 plants and shrubs had been given to 102 members as follows:

134 Cumberland raspberry plants.

35 shrubs.

38 apple trees, 38 pear trees, 38 grape vines, 63 palms, 126 rose bushes, 63 clematis, 63 geraniums, 63 asparagus plumosus and 63 asparagus springerii.

Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. J. H. Finkle and Mrs. Harry Davidson have consented to read papers before future meetings of the society. A number of accounts were also passed. The members of the society expressed themselves highly pleased with the attendance at the recent public meeting held at the Collegiate, under the auspices of the society, and a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the musicians and others who kindly gave their assistance on that occasion.

Mr. Whaley followed President Patullo's suggestion with regard to a prize for cottage gardens, with a suggestion to give one to school children, who would make the best flower garden—work and care of same to be done exclusively by themselves. This was endorsed by the meeting and a committee was appointed to carry out both suggestions. It consisted of President Patullo, Secretary Scarff, R. W. Woodroffe, M. Dawes, T. H. Parker and M. Richmond, who will probably meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon in T. H. Parker's office.

MITCHELL.—A most enthusiastic meeting was held under the auspices of the Horticultural Society here on April 16th. In the afternoon the pupils of the high and public schools gathered at the town hall, in charge of the teaching staff, to hear Mr. Alex. McNeill and Miss Rose, of Guelph. The scholars were very much interested in what

they heard and were asked to write an essay on the subject matter of the lectures the next day.

In the evening the hall was crowded to the doors by the most select and enthusiastic audience that ever came together in the town. President A. Dalton Smith, M.D., occupied the chair and with him on the platform were Vice-President W. Elliott, B.A., all the clergymen of the town and outlying districts and a few others. The hall was splendidly decorated with plants and flowers, and the musical selections given throughout the program by Mrs. F. B. Holtby, piano, Mrs. F. A. Campbell, vocal; Miss Pearl Waterhouse, violin, and Prof. Bridgeman, piano, were very choice. Miss Rose spoke on the subject, "Why I have a garden," and Mr. McNeill on "Plants, Shrubs, etc., for the home plot," and both received a splendid hearing. Each of the clergymen present said a few encouraging words expressing their sympathy with the objects of the society and their interest in its operations. This is what I have long contended for—the co-operation of the churches with us in our work, and in this town we are getting it. Everybody seemed to be pleased with the meeting and the society is likely to grow in popularity and usefulness as one of the results. We have now a membership of seventy-four and expect to go on increasing. Already a deeper and more active interest is being manifested throughout the town in fruit and flower culture and general home ornamentation.

T. H. RACE Secretary.

ORILLIA.—The joint committee of representatives of the Horticultural Society, the Board of Trade and the Town Council which has of late been considering ways and means of beautifying Orillia, is this week issuing a circular to the citizens, appealing to them to lend their assistance, an appeal which it is to be hoped will not be made in vain. After referring to the great business benefit that Orillia had derived from the tourist trade during the past three years, and to the unfavorable impression which our dirty streets had made on many visitors, the committee makes these proposals as a remedy:

(1) That shade trees be planted along the boulevards throughout the town, wherever there are not trees already. The Town Council offers to supply trees and have them planted at a cost of fifteen cents per tree (less than one half of the actual cost), provided application for trees be filed with the Town Clerk before May 1st. The committee would recommend maples and elms as the best ornamental trees for this purpose. The last named will thrive best in any moist, heavy clay soil, and probably in most of the southerly portion of the town. Trees should be planted during the latter part of April or first part of May, and should be protected from cattle and small boys by posts or tree boxes, and from drought by a small quantity of sawdust on the surface of the ground round the trunk. The maples should be watered regular-