

March,—Discussion on the Brassica tribe, introduced by H. Shaw.

April,—Paper on Bedding plants, by Mr. G. Laing.

May,—Discussion on hardness of certain bulbs, D. Murray.

June,—Discussion on the effects of severe winter on hardy fruits, J. Freed.

July,—Paper on Fruit trees in Pots or the Orchard House, D. Murray.

August,—Paper on the cultivation of the Strawberry, by, J. Freed.

September,—Report from Floal Committee, G. Laing.

The attendance of members at the meetings, although not large were regular, average attendance at each meeting has been eleven.

Your Directors beg to bring under the notice of the Club some of the new features introduced during the year, one of which is the publication in the *Canadian Agriculturist* of subjects brought before the meetings, and desire to tender the sincere thanks of the club to the conductors of the *Agriculturist* for the courteous manner in which they responded to our call for space in that valuable periodical for contributions emanating from the club.

The *Gardener's Chronicle* and *Cottage Gardener* have been circulating among the majority of the members during the year, and we have no doubt many have been edified by these ably conducted papers.

Committees have been appointed for the examination of Seedling florists' flowers, that may be submitted to them for that purpose. Should the flowers so examined come up to a certain standard, they are entitled to a certificate representing to which class, first or second they belong; anything not worthy a second-class certificate is discarded.

Committees have also been appointed on fruits and vegetables—neither of those committees have been burthened with their labors hitherto; but as more attention is paid to the raising of new and superior varieties of plants, flowers and vegetables, their labors will increase, and in time will be appreciated.

At the commencement of the year the names of members on the roll were twenty, two members left the city during the year, four were taken off the roll for non-attendance, and eleven new members have been admitted during the same period. There are now twenty-five members, most of whom take a deep interest in our meetings.

In conclusion, we beg to call on every member of the club to do his duty, his simple duty, and we dare to say that the footing we have now gained will not only be maintained by us, but but by our successors, until the good effects of the Hamilton Horticultural Club will be felt in

Canada wherever the art is known. All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. MESTON, Sec.

[We hope to see several societies of a similar character to the Hamilton Horticultural Club established in different parts of the Province, and subjoin its Rule and Regulations for the benefit of such as may be disposed to aid in the formation of such societies. Eds.]

HAMILTON HORTICULTURAL CLUB, AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. INSTITUTED SEPTEMBER, 1856.

REGULATIONS.

I. Persons desirous of admission to the Club shall be recommended by two members at one meeting, and balloted for at the next meeting. The votes of two-thirds of the members present being necessary for the admission of a member.

II. Members of the Club shall pay an annual subscription of one dollar, in advance, for defraying necessary expenses. Any surplus and donations to be applied for the purchase of Horticultural Publications, and the formation of a Library. A payment of ten dollars by a member shall entitle him to the benefits of the Club for life.

III. The office-bearers to consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Directors, to be elected annually at the annual general meeting of the Club, on the first Tuesday in October. Three of the office-bearers, one of whom, however, must be President or the Secretary, to be a quorum for the transaction of business.

IV. The duty of the president will be to preside and preserve order at the meetings, and regulate the order of procedure by enforcing the rules for the regulation of debates or discussions.

V. The duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings, giving a short account of the discussions and results in the minute book.

VI. The duty of the Treasurer to collect and pay moneys and keep the accounts, submitting a correct statement at the annual meeting.

VII. The meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month, at 7 o'clock, P. M., in winter, and 8 o'clock, P. M., in summer.

VIII. The business of the meetings will be: 1st. The exhibition of any objects of interest, not to exceed half an hour. 2nd. Reading, correcting if necessary, and approving the minutes of previous meeting. 3. Balloting for new members. 4th. Reports from Standing Committee. 5th. Reading an Essay on some subject announced and approved at a previous meeting, and remarks on the same by the members, in rotation. 6th. Answering queries by members according to a notice on the roll or table of subjects.