

and used in the proportion of one half, the other half being good loam. An addition of finely ground bone, if convenient, will not be amiss, nor would an occasional watering, say once a week, with manure water, be unacceptable to the plants. They will bear liberal treatment, and abundantly repay your care in the profusion and wealth of bloom.

It is not worth while to take the pains necessary to grow them from seed. They are comparatively inexpensive, and can be had of the florists of such colors and forms as may be preferred. Besides, new varieties are being constantly produced, which crowd out the older sorts, and one always wants the newest, even though they may not be any better than their predecessors.

One who has seen a well ordered exhibition of Chrysanthemums, when the hall is filled with well grown plants, each one a mass of bloom, so that the room is ablaze with the gorgeous display; one who has seen such a show does not wonder that the Japanese have their Chrysanthemum festival. In that mild climate and with their gardening skill, these showy flowers are produced in great perfection and in most lavish profusion, so that in their season the whole Island is bright with their beauty. It must be worth a voyage to Japan to have the pleasure of enjoying the floral display which is presented to the lover of flowers in that equable climate, where the Japanese Iris, Japanese Lilies and Japanese Chrysanthemums in acres of beauty delight the eye.

OPINIONS OF MEMBERS.

We are very much pleased with the improved appearance and size of the *Horticulturist*, and the Annual Report is exceedingly interesting and very valuable.

HENRY WIGHTMAN.

Marnock.

The *Horticulturist* becomes more interesting every number. Since the introduction of flowers, I find it becomes more so to wife and daughters, and others interested in that line of study.

WM. GILLET.

Marchmount.

I am glad to see the improvement in the *Horticulturist* this year, and I think the Directors deserve a hearty support for their enterprise in giving the members so much for their money.

H. C. FINCH.

Mecunoma, Muskoka.

I am well satisfied with the *Horticulturist*; every one who cultivates fruit should have it. In it I find a great deal of useful information. The Brighton grape you sent me was received in good condition and grew.

J. B. BURK.

Brougham.

Enclosed I send you my subscription to the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario. I consider that the best spent dollar I lay out in the year. The *Canadian Horticulturist* has very much improved of late. I take two American agricultural papers, but they do not seem half so practical as your paper. Your list of grapes that would suit Ontario was a timely article, and your plates showing how they should be