

the *Crotori Augustifolia*, a plant whose foliage is very rich and beautiful. These specimens were very generally admired. From the greenhouse of the Hon. Justice Morrison another and equally as fine a collection of plants was exhibited. Chief in this group was the majestic *Cyanophylla magnifica*, with splendidly coloured leaves upwards of two feet in length and fifteen inches broad. The plant exceeded four feet in height. The ladies, who are generally excellent judges, were warm in their admiration of this superb specimen. A new and rare collection of foliage plants from the conservatory of D. L. Macpherson, Esq., was also shown. It embraced some choice and well-grown *Begonias*; a specimen of the *Mammoptoris Nidus*, a rare plant with long, slender, smooth leaves, full hued and rich; and a little *Argyrea tricolor*, the delicate colouring of whose foliage attracted much observation. Of stove-plants Judge Harrison was a principal contributor. Of his collection two were particularly worthy of notice, as being well grown and richly flowered—*Oncidium flexuosum* and *Cattleya Mossie*. An excellent collection was also exhibited by Mr. C. Young, gardener to the Hon. Justice Morrison, among which was a very pretty plant bearing a yellow flower called *cassia cranbosa*. The foliage of this specimen was as choice as the flower was beautiful. In a separate collection of Judge Harrison's, which, by the way, carried off the first prize, were a fine *clero deudron fallax* and another, *Erythrina cristigalli*, both of which excited much comment and admiration. A third collection from the conservatory of the same gentlemen contained several superb specimens of *Gloxinia*, which secured for him the first. They had evidently been carefully nurtured and attended, and deserved the admiration bestowed upon them by visitors.—There was a good display of *fuchsias*, a plant everywhere a favorite because of the graceful rise of its stem and the brilliant and varied colours of its flowers. The choicest lot was shown by Mr. C. Young, the fruit of whose taste and skill was certainly much to be admired. Several specimens of *Calceolaria* were displayed, but they were hardly equal to those shown at former exhibitions. On the whole, the show of hot-house plants was capital, and reflected much credit upon the taste of the gentlemen by whom they were entered for competition.

Of cut flowers the display, although choice and beautiful, was limited. Mr. John Gray, of the "Lakeview" nursery, who has always something very elegant wherewith to gratify visitors to these exhibitions, displayed a superb collection of hybrid perpetual roses, most of them being new importations the first time exhibited in Toronto. Conspicuous in it was *General Jacqueminotte*, a flower which

has carried off innumerable "first prizes" at horticultural shows in England, and which went a great way towards securing Mr. Gray the first prize yesterday, which was so justly awarded him. The *Duchess de Cambacerus* and *Jules Margottin* were other varieties of roses to be seen in the collection, both being superb specimens of the "queen of flowers." Judge Harrison was the exhibitor of another collection of roses, well grown but not equal in point of beauty to those of Mr. Gray. A third, and by no means inferior lot, was from the gardens of Mr. George Leslie, one of the oldest and most experienced nurserymen of this city. An assortment of fine hardy garden roses was shown by Mr. J. Forsyth, of the Normal school; and Judge Harrison displayed some very fine roses of the Bourbon variety—among them the *Isabella Gray*, an American variety of singular beauty. No great improvement on former exhibitions was manifested in verbenas, the chief exhibitor of which was Mr. C. Young. The season is rather early for dahlias, but notwithstanding some very good specimens of this favorite flower were displayed. They were grown by Judge Harrison. The same gentleman and noted horticulturist exhibited some pretty specimens of pinks. The only carnations we noticed were grown by Mr. C. Young. They were well developed and delicately colored. The same gardener exhibited a collection of picotees, and a choice collection it was. Mr. George Leslie showed some phloxes, which, considering the season, were very good. There were some achimenes and balsams on view; and Mr. J. Bain displayed a very good collection of stocks, for which he was awarded a prize. Of table and hand bouquets seven altogether were shown. We missed from the collection the tasteful handiwork of Professor Hirschfelder, who has contributed many handsome collections to the exhibitions of the Society. Some well arranged bouquets were shown, however, by the Rev. E. Baldwin and Mr. J. Brown; and Mr. J. Fleming and Judge Harrison displayed hand bouquets of considerable beauty and merit.

The display of fruits was large and excellent. Cherries, gooseberries, strawberries, currants, raspberries, &c., were shown in great profusion; and most of the varieties were of the largest and best description. Of gooseberries Mr. J. D. Humphreys was a successful exhibitor. The collection for which he gained the first prize was fine beyond comparison—the berries being large, fine flavored, luscious. The chief contributors of cherries were Messrs. George Tattle, J. D. Humphreys, George Leslie, R. Stibbles and J. Grainger. They were all fine descriptions and deserved encomiums heaped upon them. A plate of fine white grapes was shown by Judge Harrison. Although not large they were of fine