

dustry ought to be guided. Much good botanical work is now being done in Australia, in various parts of India, in Ceylon, in the West Indies, at the Cape of Good Hope, and many other less important stations. It has been proposed that Canadian botanists should follow the examples set before them, and unite together to develop a knowledge of the Forest Flora, which is, in every sense, the richest blessing to man with which nature has gifted this great land. In accordance with the above proposal, a meeting is to be held in Queen's College, Kingston, on Friday Evening, the 7th December, at eight o'clock, to consider the propriety of originating a Botanical Society. The special objects of the new body, the mode in which it is proposed that these should be carried out, and various other matters of detail, will be brought forward for consideration and discussion in an address to be delivered by Professor Lawson. We cordially commend the project to the attention of our readers. It has been well considered, and, if carried out with energy, will be productive of benefit to the country, both in contributing to raise the fallen standard of botanical science among us, and as a means of directing public attention to neglected sources of industrial wealth. Professional and amateur botanists in Canada—few and far between—will hail, in the Botanical Society, a means of communication and interchange of information, and also a means of exchanging specimens and seeds, which will not only facilitate their labors in their respective localities, and give a new relish to the study, but will so enable them to work together, under a common plan, as to give a value to their researches that no desultory observations, however interesting and important in themselves, can ever attain. This is the manner in which investigations have been carried out most successfully in regard to the distribution of the Floras of other countries, and the only means by which certain results can be obtained where there are numerous observers. Some of the leading Botanists, both of this continent and of Europe, have already signified their approval of the scheme in their readiness to co-operate. May it meet with its due measure of success!

*First Meeting.*

FRIDAY EVENING, 7TH DECEMBER, 1860.

A meeting, called by public advertisement in the Newspapers, was held in the Chemistry Class Room of Queen's College, Kingston, on Friday evening, 7th December, to consider the propriety of organizing a Botanical Society. There was a large attendance of gentlemen, including the Very Rev. Principal Leitch, D. D., Queen's College, Mr. Drummond, Manager of the Montreal Bank, Professors Williamson, Weir, Mowat, Stewart, Yates, and Lawson, Mr. May, B. A., Queen's College School, Dr. Octavius Yates, Dr. Dupuis, Odessa, C. W., Mr. Thibodo, Mr. Skinner, Member Pharm. Society, Mr. Ferguson, Bellevue Terrace, Mr. Danson, F. C. S.,