

settled; but the fall sown seed will usually come soonest into bloom. Our readers will find the *Abronias* of easy cultivation if they can give them a light, and moderately rich soil and full exposure to the sun. The plants will soon cover a large space and need not be set nearer than eighteen inches.

The *Aster* is already well known and deservedly popular as one of the most attractive of our autumn flowers. This is its season of beauty, when the sun has begun to decline, and the evenings are cool, with abundant dews. Cultivators have succeeded in producing many varieties, some growing quite tall, others very dwarf, and others of an intermediate size, and these with names without end. Those of intermediate habit, and generally known as bouquet asters, seem on the whole to be the best. The aster prefers a deep, rich soil, with full exposure to sun and air, while the roots are kept cool with a thick mulch. The seed may be sown in a good rich seed bed, thinly in rows. Care should be taken that the plants are not crowded at any time. As soon as they begin to crowd, transplant to a permanent bed, placing them about a foot apart each way. A paper of choice aster seed from one of the best growers in Prussia, is one of the three papers of seeds offered to the readers of the *Canadian Horticulturist* in the spring.

*Mignonette* needs no description to make it known to our readers, its very name is suggestive of sweet perfume. The seeds may be sown in the open ground at any time after the spring opens, either in a shady corner or in

the open sunshine. It thrives best in a rich, friable loam. The individual flowers are exceedingly modest, yet the spike is not without beauty, while its fragrance is prized by every one. It is well to sow a small bed with it every three or four weeks until past midsummer, so that there may be a succession of bloom, for its sweet-smelling spikelets are always in demand.

The *Pansy* seems to look up at you as though it would speak. And does it not speak, though its voice is not heard, speak to your heart in a way that thrills, stirring many memories; touching perhaps some minor chord in your life's psalm, wakening thoughts of the days and the loved that come not again. It is the home flower, interwoven with all the scenes of home life and all the precious memories and ever to be cherished associations of that hallowed spot.

Though not strictly an annual yet in our climate it is well to treat it as such, and sow the seed in a rich moist loam, shaded from the fierce noonday heat, but not under the drip of the overhanging trees. It likes the cool moist air of early spring and later autumn, then giving forth its largest, richest blooms, but it dwindles and well nigh perishes under our midsummer heat. We have had good success with young autumn grown plants, slightly protected during the winter with a thin covering of leaves, which gave in spring most magnificent flowers in great profusion. The readers of our monthly can have a package of the choicest seed of this flower, if they so choose, raised by the