

hope that during the coming season each member will try to cultivate at least one variety and produce a flower that will be worthy of exhibition at our shows this year.

In order to encourage our members to keep up their interest in flowers towards the close of the season, your directors offered three prizes at the Western Fair in September for the best collections of cut flowers exhibited by members of our society, only one member, however, competed for them. Thirty-six tulip bulbs were presented to each member for autumn planting, in addition to sixteen varieties of flower seeds and a choice of shrubs in the spring.

The directors have pleasure in stating that the finances of the society are in a satisfactory condition as shown by the audited statement of the treasurer, notwithstanding the fact that the flower shows and meetings have all been open to the public free of charge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. W. RENNIE, Secretary. J. A. BALKWILL, President.

London.—The following is an extract from an article in a recent issue of the London Advertiser, regarding the excellent work done in the city by the London Horticultural Society:—

“Residents of London, who have traveled to some extent, have arrived at the unanimous conclusion that despite its visible defects, London is a very beautiful city. In its well-kept residence streets few things unpleasant to the eye present themselves. This effect is produced to a great extent by its thousands of beautiful shade trees in the streets and parks. Nothing could be more worthy of active assistance than the efforts of the body of public-spirited citizens comprising the London Horticultural Society to create in the public mind an interest in the care and judicious interest of ornamental trees, plants and flowers in the gardens, streets and parks of the city. The society was formed two years ago and already it has become a great power for good in London. Its members, while indulging their own individual taste for flower culture, have come much to foster in the public mind a love for the beautiful and a reverence for flowers which must eventually prevent their wanton destruction. It is a significant fact that the beautiful flowers in Victoria Park are never molested; and every summer there blooms a bed of geraniums in front of the public library that is the pride of the officials of that institution. The flowers are unprotected, and are within easy reach of the passer-by, yet no one has ever attempted to disturb them.”

Waterloo.—The annual meeting of the Waterloo Horticultural Society was held in the old Council Chamber on Wednesday evening, January 5th, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the annual reports of the work during the past year, and of electing the officers for 1902.

Directors' Annual Report. Your directors, in presenting their seventh annual report, congratulate the society on its continued prosperity.

Our membership during the past year was 157, and we distributed as premiums 128 Cumberland

Raspberry Plants, 93 Spirea Japonica Bumalda, 70 Pear Trees, 110 German Prunes, 34 Hydrangeas paniculata grandiflora, 141 House Plants and 1,570 Hyacinth Bulbs.

We held no flower show during the past year, owing partly to the big expense incurred in connection with the one held in 1900, but we hope to be able to hold one during the summer of 1902, if the season proves at all favorable. Should this intention of ours become realized, we hope that every member of the society, as well as every lover of flowers in our prosperous town, will assist the directors, so as to make the exhibition of flowers and plants the most successful one in the history of the society.

The report of the Secretary-Treasurer and Auditors is before you, and we trust that our successors now to be elected, and the citizens generally, will continue to support and assist the good work of the Waterloo Horticultural Society.

The financial report was as follows:—

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand from 1901	\$ 27
Legislative Grant.....	124 00
Membership subscription.....	157 00
Sale of Stock.....	42 80
Total	\$324 07
EXPENDITURE.	
Horticultural Periodicals.....	\$125 00
Purchase of Seeds and Plants.....	166 23
Working Expenses.....	10 00
Printing, Postage, Freight, etc.....	21 10
Total	\$322 93
Balance on hand.....	1 14
A. WEIDENHAMMER, President.	

Kincardine.—The annual meeting of the Kincardine Horticultural Society was held on the 5th inst. pursuant to statute.

Secretary Joseph Barker Esq., read the following excellent report.

“The Secretary of the Kincardine Horticultural Society in presenting this, the fifth annual report, begs to assure the members that he does so with very much pleasure, for the following and other reasons:

Because of the satisfactory increase in the society's membership for 1901.

Because of the very general satisfaction given to our members in the matter of tree and plant distribution during the year just closed.

Because in soliciting for membership we find the task is not near so difficult as formerly, owing to the fact that the utility of the Horticultural Societies and the benefits derived therefrom are better understood by the people.

Because unlike the Agricultural Societies, the Horticultural does not expend its funds in the distribution of prize money to the leading exhibitors and for expenses incurred in bringing from outside judges to pass upon the merit of high grade stock, which has been obtained at a large outlay of money. But our Society agrees upon a judicious selection of premiums and invites its members to make their own choice this course leaves no