



FIG. 2559. TALL BRANCHING CINERARIA.

be given them. Keep them dry until next season in the pots.

BEGONIAS.—Two of the very best varieties of these for window culture are *Begonia Manicata Aurea* and *Begonia Paul Bruant*. The first named of these makes a most attractive and lasting window plant. (Fig. 2558.) Its beautiful large leaves of pale glossy green, blotched and mottled with spots of a pale gold color, will of themselves entitle this plant to a place in the front ranks of this popular species of plants. But when its richly marked foliage is surmounted by its tall delicate racemes of pale pink flowers, it is indeed a plant of great beauty. I have known plants of this variety of *Begonia* kept and grown successfully in windows for several years without being removed, except for repotting or at house

cleaning time, and each year give a wealth of their delicate blossom at this season of the year, the foliage at all times being bright and attractive. *Begonia Paul Bruant* is another good window *Begonia*, but is not quite as robust or pretty a variety as *B. Manicata Aurea*. The plain leaved variety, *Begonia Manicata*, is also a good window variety, having almost as robust a habit, but is without the beautiful markings on its leaves. The leaves of both varieties of *B. Manicata* are of a thick leathery texture, a feature that makes them of so much value as house or window plants, being better able to resist the destructive influence that the dry atmosphere of a dwelling house usually has on this class of plant.

CINERARIAS.—Plants of these beautiful showy annuals are very subject to green fly



FIG. 2560. DWARF CINERARIA.