

Mrs. F. B. Greening, assisted by A. Alexander, presented the prizes for rockeries.

Mr. Alexander agreed with the previous speakers that as a result of the society's work the city was each year becoming more beautiful. He was proud to be a member of such a society. He urged all citizens to assist the society by becoming members.

It fell to the lot of John H. Tilden, chairman of the parks board, to announce the result of the ward foremen's competition. He thought all the foremen were entitled to great credit for the cleanliness of Hamilton's streets. As a result of their efforts Hamilton was known all over the country as the cleanest city on the continent. It was impossible for the judges to say which was the best kept ward, and for that reason it was decided to give the prize, \$25 in cash, to them to divide as they saw fit.

Thomas Towers, president of the Ward Foremen's Association, accepted the prize from Mr. Tilden's hands, and thanked him for the kind words he had said about the foremen. There was no doubt that the society was doing good work. The foremen were no longer troubled by people throwing waste paper, grass, etc., on the streets.

The gold medals, donated by Mrs. Sanford, as first prizes in the lawn competition, were presented by J. J. Greene, in the absence from the city of Mrs. Sanford. In doing so, Mr. Greene said he was sorry the donor was not present to present the medals herself. He was sure that it was a pleasure to Mrs. Sanford to assist in furthering the aims and objects of the City Improvement Society, and that she would like to have been present to congratulate the successful competitors. The citizens were indebted to President Steele and his society for making Hamilton such an attractive city. They were making it to the advantage of manufacturers to locate here and were doing much to make Hamilton an ideal city and advertise it as such. He hoped that before

long the parks board would take hold of the mountain brow, especially the eastern slope, and make it a pleasure park for the citizens. He hoped the day was near at hand when the destruction of the brow of the mountain by quarrying operations would be stopped.

Judge Snider presented the second, third and fourth prizes in the lawn competition. He, too, made a few appropriate remarks. As a police commissioner, he thought the police officers were doing their best to assist the society in its good work. He spoke words of congratulation to the winners of prizes and words of encouragement to those who entered the competition but were not fortunate enough to win prizes.

Adam Brown moved a vote of thanks to the ladies who so tastefully decorated the Council chamber. In doing so he said he was pleased to receive his prize from the hands of Mrs. Greening, a woman whose husband's father had done more than any other man in the British empire to cultivate a love for flowers. Among the humbler classes in England his name was called blessed. In conclusion, he referred to the excellent support the society has received from the ladies.

George C. Copley moved a vote of thanks to the press and the reporters, and presented to each reporter a suitable souvenir of the annual distribution of prizes. Cal. Davis responded on behalf of the scribes.

Rev. Dr. Lyle moved a vote of thanks to the judges, whose work, he said, had been faithfully and well done, and Rev. Canon Forneret moved that the thanks of the society be returned to the corporation for the use of the Council chamber.

All the motions were heartily carried.

A feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a handsome clock to Newton D. Galbreath by W. A. Robinson. After referring at length to the great improvement in the city during the past few years, Mr. Robinson went on to speak of the