

their altitudes and positions of exposure. Also to get meteorological reports, and to make arrangements for observers to have reliable instruments to enable them to give correct records. This, we think, will elicit much valuable information as to climatic influences on vegetation, and may help to solve practical problems some of us may have in view.

We desire this year to get into communication with all towns and villages within our reach, with the view of encouraging and assisting them to form societies to promote horticultural productions. No matter how small the towns, they are all capable of having a flower and vegetable competition in the fall of the year, and school rooms are well adapted for holding such rudimentary competitions. The better class of these competitions would go to increase the more central and larger exhibitions and bring out productions of great merit.

We are also anxious to append some natural science subjects as auxiliary adjuncts to horticulture, viz: phytology, entomology, ornithology and zoology. During the past season two of our consultants in these departments have been of service, and we have appointed gentlemen to be responsible for information on the various subjects mentioned in their relation to horticulture. We are on the lookout to attach any natural science students to our Society, so as to diffuse correct knowledge and dispel superstitions and mistaken notions and ideas.

The more pronounced social part of the show was the promenade concert on the evening of the first day, when the mayor opened this part with an encouraging speech, and announcing the principal awards of the garden competitions. The band and groups of competitive plants, filled the orchestra forming a picturesque scene; and with the opera hall crowded by a brilliant and elegant assembly of ladies and gentlemen, amongst the long rows of tables packed with fruit, plants, flowers and vegetables, formed a very pleasing rational and enjoyable spectacle. The capacious Council