

Ont., Wm. Grier, Tweed, Ont., Jessie Grant, Markdale, Ont., Emily Solley, Uxbridge, Ont., Florrie Marr, Petrolia, Ont., Thomas Stevens, Fenelon Falls, Ont., Annie Turner, Brantford, Ont., Minnie McLachlan, Shelbourne, Ont., Jennie Spillsbury, Peterborough, Ont., Emma Owen, Alesia Craig, Ont., E. N. Fremlin, Orangeville, Ont., Fred Copley, London, Ont., but our space is taken up. I would like to have room for a few extracts from these letters if nothing more, but it is impossible. I am glad many of those express a wish to do something towards getting subscribers for our Magazine. This is certainly commendable. I hope all will do some work in this way. I will now here give the correct

LIST OF BULBOUS FLOWERS.

Hyacinth, Grape Hyacinth, Feathered Hyacinth, Trumpet Narcissus, Polyanthus Narcissus, Crocus, Snowdrop, Anemone, Lilly of the Valley, Jonquills, Tulip—eleven different varieties in all.

Now, Annie Redmond, of Picton, Ont., is the one who has given the most correct answer, and I have sent her, as well as Jennie Robinson, of Bobcaygeon, Ont., and Fred Copley, of London, Ont., whose answers were nearly correct, the bulbs I offered in last number of Magazine. I suppose they received them all right. I did not intend sending to more than one when I made the offer, but afterwards concluded to send bulbs to all who answered correctly. Some answers sent were something like this: "I think there is eleven kinds of flowers, but am not sure," and did not give any names at all. Of course this was not right. I cannot yet say what seeds I will send out to those who have sent me an account of their gardening operations last summer to whom seeds were sent, or to would-be new members, who will inform me of their wish to join our society, giving their postoffice address and age. Members, in addition to receiving the free seeds, may order three packets of seeds at five cents each by sending ten cents, or ten packets for twenty-five cents. Now, these offers are only given to my nephews and neices, not to grown-up people who are anxious to practice economy.

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A FEW RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM AN AGED HEAD.

Written for the Canadian Florist and Cottage Gardener.

A taste for the cultivation of gardens and the practical culture of fruit trees must have been of very ancient date, and that it was the kind of manual labor enjoined by the Creator when he placed Adam in the garden of Eden. We know from the earliest of our holy records, this garden was a lovely spot in a rich and fertile country, adorned with flowers, fruitful trees and vegetables suited for the use and support of man. Adam was instructed by his maker to till, or cultivate the ground.

This employment was both for health and pleasure, not for toil or weariness, this last condition arose when sin had marred the fair beauty of God's world, and the smitten earth no longer gave out its spontaneous riches of fertility and fruitfulness, as in the day when sinless man first set his footsteps on the then unpoluted earth.

By one act of disobedience he had broken the covenant between God and himself, which required the sacrifice of the Son of God to renew. Labor may be to mankind both a punishment and a blessing, let us thank our Heavenly Father for the compensation that He gives in this and in many other things.

The food of man before the deluge must have consisted principally of grain, vegetables and fruit in one form or another, bread we know was one of these, for he was to obtain it by toil and the sweat of his brow, but in the Old Testament there is little allusion made to horticulture or agriculture as an occupation, though incidentally throughout the Bible mention is made of the productiveness of the vineyard and of grain and fruits.

We learn in the xxvi chapter of II Chronicles, that Uzziah among other useful works that are enumerated, digged many wells, (a great blessing in that country,) for he had much cattle in the country and on the plain; husbandmen also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel for he loved husbandry, in fact Uzziah was a good farmer.

In the Songs of Solomon how beautifully poetic are his allusions to flowers and fruits. Solomon was a great gardener and the first botanist and florist of whom we read. The