

square were this year beautified by tasteful flower beds.

The action of the society in offering prizes for cottage gardens, flower and vegetable, and for the best kept lawns and boulevards, was a happy thought and excited much interest in the city. A similar movement under the patronage of Her Excellency Lady Minto proved most successful in Ottawa, and there is little doubt the example thus set by Ottawa and Woodstock will be followed by other cities and towns throughout the country. The annual flower exhibition was successful. There were a larger number of entries than usual, and the classification and artistic display showed an improvement upon that of former years. Although the attendance of the public generally was not as large as it should have been considering the character of the exhibition, there were present many representative citizens who showed a keen interest in the work of the society, and several of them addressed the meeting and assisted in the presentation of prizes to the successful competitors in the garden and flower competitions.

One of the monthly meetings of the Society took the form of an open air or "garden meeting" on the grounds of the President, and it is hoped that there may be similar meetings in future upon the invitation of other members of the society.

An influential committee was appointed during the year to report upon the further beautifying of the city parks, lawns, boulevards and streets, but owing to the lateness of the season it was not able to report. Your directors are of the opinion that this committee, by seeking co-operation with the city authorities, could enlarge its usefulness in the direction suggested.

Your secretary attended the annual meeting of the Provincial Horticultural Society and was again honored by being selected representative of this district in which capacity his usefulness to this society is enhanced.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. R. PATTILO,
President.

J. S. STAFF,
Secretary.

London. The Directors of the London Horticultural Society beg to present their second annual report.

During the year 1901 they held eight meetings for the transaction of the business of the society. Two public meetings were also held in addition to the annual meeting on January 9th. At the first of these, on the 11th, of February, a lecture was given in the large assembly room of the Normal School by Dr. William Saunders, of Ottawa, director of the experimental farms of the Dominion. His subject was "Plants, Shrubs and Trees for the adornment of the Home," illustrated with a large series of beautiful lantern pictures. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather there was a large attendance of members and other residents of the city who showed a gratifying interest in the subject of the evening.

The second public meeting was held in the Auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. building on the evening of May 1st. The Rev. F. R. Bethune gave an address on "Common insects injurious to garden flowers, fruits and vegetables," illustrated with

colored diagrams. Mr. Wm. Gammage was also to have spoken, but was prevented by indisposition from doing so. Vocal and instrumental music was very kindly supplied by Mrs. Gillies, Miss Brown and Miss Templeton. At the close of the proceedings the plants from the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association were distributed to the members, viz., the Anthony Waterer Spiraea and the Cumberland Black-cap Raspberry.

In addition to these meetings, the members were invited to attend the proceedings at the annual convention of the Canadian Horticultural Association, which was held in London on the 5th and 6th of August. Papers were read and addresses given by several of the leading florists of the Dominion; an address was also given by Dr. Bethune, one of our members, on the insects injurious to greenhouse plants. Through the liberality of many citizens of London, our society was enabled to entertain the delegates at a luncheon at Springbank, preceded by a ride through the principal parts of the city in a trolley car handsomely decorated for the occasion with plants and flowers by Mr. Wm. Gammage.

An invitation was also extended to our members to attend the 38th annual meeting of the Entomological Society of Ontario, which was held here on the 13th and 14th of November. A considerable number availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing the interesting address at the public meeting at the Normal School.

Two highly successful flower shows were held during the summer. The first, in the City Hall, took place on the 26th and 27th of June, and was very well attended. The display of flowers was remarkably fine and showed a decided advance upon the June show of the preceding year. The second exhibition was held in Crown Hall on the 6th and 7th of August, being the same time as the Convention of the Canadian Horticultural Association. Though the actual number of figures exhibited may not have been as large as at the August show in 1900, there was a unanimous agreement that in excellence of quality, beauty and variety it was the best show that we have yet held. The professional florists attending the Convention stated that in their opinion it was one of the best exhibits of flowers from almost every point of view that it had been their pleasure to inspect. It would indeed, have been difficult anywhere to have surpassed in excellence the petunias and gladioli that were exhibited, to say nothing of other kinds. We were fortunate in obtaining the use of Crown Hall, which proved admirably adapted to the purpose, enabling the flowers to be satisfactorily arranged and affording all that could be desired as regards light and ventilation. While it would hardly be fair to select a few names for special mention from among the nearly forty contributors of flowers, it is only just to refer to the trouble taken by Mr. Gammage in filling up the platform at the end of the hall with a beautiful and tastefully arranged collection of potted plants and flowers, which added very much to the appearance of the general display. A word may also be said regarding the tasteful of fine flowers sent from the Woodland Cemetery. It is much to be regretted that about one hundred of our members sent no contribution of flowers. We earnestly