

various members of the Horticultural Society. The present directors are Mrs. Wilkinson, President ; Mr. T. M. Henry, Vice-President ; Mr. J. E. Herring, Sec.-Treas., and Mesdames Wright, Mill, Richardson, McNeill and Messrs. Bowerman, Herrington, Lloyd, Harmer and Ward.—Star.

### Waterloo.

The Annual Exhibition of the Waterloo Horticultural Society, which was held on the 20th and 21st ult., was successful beyond the expectation of those most interested in its success. All the available room in the Town Hall was covered with flowers, fruit and vegetables. About four-fifths of the bench room was occupied by flowers—some 300 exhibits—consisting of cut flowers shown singly and in bunches of from two or three to a dozen or twenty specimens in each receptacle, and also of plants in pots. These great masses of bloom were so arranged in connection with the large number of plants in pots, so mingled with the gorgeous foliage plants, as to produce the most pleasing effects, the beauty of which was thoroughly appreciated by the large concourse of visitors who thronged the Hall on both evenings.

This exhibition differs from most horticultural shows, in having a more abundant floral display and in the absence of that formality of arrangement of the different classes and varieties essential to a well-ordered competitive exhibition. Here, no prizes are offered for competition, and no fee is charged for admission. The public at large are invited to be present and every one is admitted free.

In the Hall there are no constables to cry "Hands off," when a visitor gets a little too near the benches, and whose only other duty, generally, is to *prevent visitors from examining the exhibits*. Here, instead of these gentry, may be found James Lockie, Esq., the energetic and indefatigable President of the Society ; Mrs. Hohmeier, the Vice-President ; Mr. Raymo, the Secretary ; Mrs. Dr. Webb, Mr. Bolduc, Mrs. Bruce, and others of the Directors, together with Miss Maggie Bruce, to whom had been wisely given the entire superintendence of the floral decoration ; all in their places, giving every information required respecting the exhibits. And, I scarcely need add, the visitors gladly availed themselves of this opportunity to acquire a great deal of valuable knowledge respecting the cultivation and peculiarities of growth of many, to them, new flowers.

All the exhibits are contributed by the members of the Society and other residents of the town. The expense incurred in placing the exhibits on the benches, and returning them (when necessary) to the owners, is borne by the Society, and the free admission of the public is regarded by the Board of Directors as in some sense an equivalent for the large grant from the public funds given by the Provincial Government.