

nature which was a great delight to us ; and many 'lectures' have we heard in meekness of spirit re being "out with those chickens half the night," as actual; ly we were at times some few years ago. And when we were running our first incubator while our baby was yet a few months old, we had to make stragetic moves to get opportunities to get out of bed and go down to look after it. And in memory of those days should any one say to Mrs. P. "my wife never takes any interest in my fowls," she will immediately say "perhaps Mrs. So and So has a baby or a young family," and if the complainant says 'yes' he gets a "talking to," and he will not complain to Mrs. P. again at least till the family are "out of hand."

For the Poultry Weekly.

The Ontario Poultry Show.

WE are getting everything under way for our coming show, having secured the first floor of a large new stone mill, making it an excellent place for a show of this kind ; being easy of access and in a business part of the city, using the electric light at night.

On account of the heavy express charges on geese and turkeys we have increased in value their classes. All parties intending to visit the show by sending me a post card, will receive by return mail a certificate for a fare and a third. I will receive entries post marked Jan. 3 but after that 25c. extra will be charged.

R. HAMILL, Secy.

St. Catherines.

We are glad to note that the Ontario management have secured a hall for the holding of their great poultry show. It should result in a very much better exhibit, and attendance of visitors. Last year the ascending of two long flights of stairs, covered with ice most of the time, must have had the effect of deterring many, ladies especially, from patronizing the show. The increased list for geese and turkeys will meet a deserving want, and add much to the exhibits in these fine and essentially market classes.

The Ontario is always a good show ; it should be made the event of the poultryman's year. We hope to see the Association in better "fit" than ever, and from the promises do not expect to be disappointed. It is almost too much to expect

that the present fine weather will continue till then, but if it does we shall no doubt see a wonderful increase in the number of visitors.

Toronto Bantam, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association.

ON December 17th, the Toronto Bantam, Pigeon and Pet Stock Club held its annual meeting in Richmond Hall. The president, Mr. John Miles in the chair ; there was a poor attendance as this was the annual meeting there were no birds on exhibition. The executive committee was to have met but did not do so for reasons unknown. Messrs. Barber, Hiles, Groves and Thompson sent in their resignations which were accepted. The secretary's report for the year 1889 was read and adopted as was also the treasurers report. The officers for the ensuing year are :—president, William Fox ; vice-president, Mr. Charles R. Bache ; secretary, E F Doty ; treasurer, Mr. Geo. McDermott, executive committee, Messrs. Bache, Holden, Donovan, MacKenzie and Burroughes ; auditors, Messrs. Donovan and Holdens. The medals won in competition this year were presented by the president, for pigeons to Mr. William Fox ; for Bantams to Mr. Geo. McDermott ; Mr. Fox was then voted to the chair and adjourned the meeting. Receipts of the evening \$1.50.

E. F. DOTY, Secy.

Natural and Artificial.

POUSTRYMEN have lately been discussing with considerable warmth the relative merits of the natural and the artificial methods of rearing chicks. One party insists that those hatched and reared in the old way will be better and appear better in an exhibition than those born and brought up in the modern hatchers and brooders, and the other party insists that there will be no difference.

The writer has had experience in growing poultry by both methods, and has not been able to discover any difference in the final results, provided—and here is the kernel of the whole matter—the chicks are properly fed and treated after they are hatched. The hatching is a mechanical process and has no effect on the result. A grain of wheat will germinate in the field at the proper season ; it will germinate in the hot-house in winter if the proper heat be furnished. The germ of wheat may be nourished by decayed vegetation, by barnyard manure, or by chemical fertilizers and its growth and yield will depend on its feeding and