

* Our Affiliated Societies. *

PARIS.—Mr. C. H. Roberts, the energetic Secretary of this Society, sends us a copy of his Annual Report. The finances are in a very encouraging condition, there being a balance in hand of \$100, and the portion of the grant coming to them amounting to \$140 per annum. The Society is distributing begonias, climbing roses, altheas, and raspberries. It also gave prizes to the scholars of the public school for the best essays on "Horticulture"; the essays were read, and the prize given in public. At the Agricultural Society Show prizes were given for the best design for a rural garden, and also for floral exhibits; the Horticultural Society also made an exhibit of named varieties of apples. At the Paris Cemetery the Society made a fine bed of foliage plants, which was much admired. Mr. Beadle's lecture was much appreciated.

NAPANEE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—Our spring distribution is as follows: Membership in Fruit Growers' Association (including CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST); subscription to Mayflower; sweet pea seed, 4 lbs.; aster seed, 1 oz.; hollyhock seed, 1 oz.; Poppy seed, 1 oz.; 65 brugmansia plants; 65 Cannas, very choice; 400 gladioli, also very choice.

J. E. HERRING, *Sec.-Treas.*

WOODSTOCK.—Renewed life and vigor was imparted to the Woodstock Horticultural Society at its regular monthly meeting recently. There was a good attendance, and the two hours spent in the discussion of fruit topics must have been of great value to those interested in horticulture.

Vice-President Pattullo presided in the absence of the president, D. W. Karn.

James S. Scarf, who was the Woodstock delegate to the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association convention at Kingston, gave an able and exhaustive report of the many things done, seen and heard at the Kingston gathering, and Frank Harris gave an interesting address on the culture of raspberries. Mr. Harris is an experienced grower, but as he stated in his address, he has never yet been able to raise raspberries at less than 5½c. per box.

At the next meeting it is likely that the Society will discuss some system of park ornamentation.

Messrs. Scarf, Snelgrove, T. H. Parker, Frank Harris, and the Secretary were appointed a committee to assist the Agricultural Society in the revision of the lists and the arranging of the horticultural exhibits.

Twenty-five dollars was devoted to the purchase of premiums consisting of flowers and seeds.

An effort will be made to increase the membership, a task which should be an easy one if all the meetings are made as interesting as the last.

R. B. THORNTON, *Sec.*

DESERONTO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The first annual meeting of this society was held in the Town Hall, and was quite a success, all present seeming to take quite an interest in the subject of horticulture. The principal business of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. E. Walter Rathbun was unanimously elected President; J. J. Keator,