

their accustomed excellent style: Mrs. Knight, Misses McLeod and Dignam, Dr. Brown and Mr. Charles Hamlyn.

When the audience grew weary of walking around and looking at the exhibits they could retire to the gallery and rest, and be served with ice cream, if desired, from an ice cream stand presided over by the Misses Parker.

This afternoon is children's day at the show and the successful candidates in the public school competition will be awarded prizes. In the evening the successful candidates from the Collegiate Institute will receive their prizes. The presentations will be made by the mayor of the city and other leading men. An excellent musical program will also be given in which Misses Powell and Farrell and Messrs. R. J. McAlpine, Sykes and Dugit will take part. The pianauto will be a feature of the evening's entertainment.

Thursday afternoon was children's day at the Horticultural Exhibition, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The schools were dismissed a little earlier than usual, and a great many of the children visited the exhibition. The great feature of the afternoon was the presentation of the prizes received by the school children in the competition for the best gardens. Mr. Angus Rose and Mr. James Hoare were the judges in the competition, and the society is very much indebted to them for the painstaking and conscientious manner in which they performed their task.

The prizes were presented by Messrs. William Grey, T. H. Parker, D. W. Karn, J. S. Scarff and President G. R. Pattullo, who made appropriate remarks for the occasion, and encouraged the small gardeners to continue in their efforts.

The attention of the children was pretty evenly divided between the speakers and the tempting array of fruit ranged in front of them. The president observed the longing looks that were directed towards the luscious plums and pears, and after the presentations had been made he stood treat to a basket of plums, a practical method of enjoying an exhibit of fruit that appealed very strongly to the children.

#### THURSDAY EVENING.

At the third and last session of the exhibition the attendance was much larger than at the two held previously and more encouraging to the promoters of the exhibition. If a fourth session had been held the building would probably not have accommodated the audience.

As on the previous evening, a most enjoyable musical programme was given opening with a number of selections on the pianauto. Miss Clara Farrell sang very sweetly "The Creole Love Song," and for an encore gave "The Tale of the Kangaroo," from "The Burgomaster". Rev. R. J. McAlpine, Mr. P. J. E. Dugit and Mr. H. Sykes also sang in a highly acceptable manner. Misses McMullen and Bushby and Mr. E. Karn acted as accompanists.

In addition to the musical programme there was a programme of speeches and the presentation of the prizes won in the competition for the best cottage gardens and flower beds. The following were the successful competitors:

#### COTTAGE, GARDEN AND FLOWER BEDS.

To the President and Members of the Horticultural Society:

Gentlemen, — We beg to report as follows the result of our work as judges of cottage gardens and flower beds:

Best cottage flower garden, not to exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre — First, D. C. Richmond, Riddell street, \$3; second, Geo. McPherson, College avenue, \$2.

Best kept garden and grounds, including boulevards, not exceeding  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre — First, H. B. Sproat, Ingersoll avenue, \$3; second, R. H. Bond, Victoria street, \$2.

Best cottage vegetable garden, not to exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre — First, John Whitehead, Drew street, \$3; second, Robt. White, Wellington street, \$2; third, Frand Pond, George street, \$1.

(Signed, ANGUS ROSE,  
JAMES HOARE.)

Rev. Dr. McMullen and Mr. D. W. Karn made the presentations.

Among the speakers was Mr. Angus Rose, who spoke in the highest terms of the gardens he had visited in his character of a judge. He also had something to say about the increasing beauty of the town and the number of gardens being cultivated.

KINCARDINE.—The officers and directors and especially Mr. Jos. Barker, the able secretary, may feel quite satisfied with their efforts in the way of horticultural displaying. The town hall was most beautifully illuminated with electric lights, and the plants, flowers, fruit, etc., were very tastily arranged. Great care was taken in the collecting, handling and displaying, and the large numbers who viewed the exhibits were more than surprised. We predict more interest in the exhibition next year, judging from the many remarks and promises made by old members, new members and non-members. The indomitable Secretary and his able assistants deserve every praise. No pains or expense were spared to make the display a complete success. The Highland Cadets added very much to the enjoyment of the hour by their sweet strains of music. As Longfellow says.—

In all places, then, and in all seasons,  
Flowers expand their bright and sunlike wings.  
Teaching us, by most persuasive reasons,  
How akin they are to human things.  
And with child-like, credulous affection,  
We behold their tender buds expand;  
Emblems of our own great resurrection.  
Emblems of the bright and better land.

One table contained no less than fourteen varieties of sweet pea, grown and exhibited principally by Mrs. Robert Sellery and Mr. M. McCreath, our respected caretaker of God's Acre. The spacious room was filled with the delightful odor of sweet pea flowers.

On the same table were a couple of dishes of beautiful samples of peaches, the Early Canada, grown and exhibited by Messrs. McCreath and E. Miller. The first named gentleman also had on exhibition some samples of water melon, which