

time he has tested a remarkably large number of the tree fruits, considering his limited space. Latterly, perennials and bulbs have replaced some of the fruits and vegetables in his garden, and the interesting series of articles just concluded in the HORTICULTURIST from the pen of Mr. Whyte, giving notes on perennials, are the result of personal experience and observation, therefore all the more valuable. Mr. Whyte's garden is well known to the Ottawa public, especially during raspberry and gooseberry season. Information is always freely given, and fruits and plants as freely available to the interested and the would be fruit grower. Mr. Whyte's connection with O. F. G. A. began with the first year of the publication of the HORTICULTURIST. In 1892 he took an active part in the organization of the Ottawa Horticultural Society (membership 165) of which he is at the present time First Vice-President. As an amateur photographer, Mr. Whyte has also won considerable distinction. He was instrumental in organizing the Ottawa Camera Club, and filled the President's

chair for two years. Thus far, Mr. Whyte, although a ready speaker, has not contributed largely to Horticultural or Scientific journals, but now that he has made such a good beginning, we trust his name will be seen frequently among those who contribute to the columns of the HORTICULTURIST. It is somewhat remarkable that many of our greatest enthusiasts in fruit culture, and many of those who oftentimes exercise the widest influence upon their fellows in this connection are men whose daily avocations lead them in channels quite different from that of fruit growing. Mr. Whyte owns and carries on successfully the business of J. G. Whyte & Son, wholesale stationery. That he has been able to do so much work in gardening and in studying natural sciences is due to his untiring energy and diligence, and also to the encouragement accorded him by his wife and children, who are all lovers of plant life. We trust he will be spared to advance the Horticultural interests of Eastern Ontario, and to represent this section in the Councils of the Association for many years to come.

BABY ROSES.

NOTICING a very instructive article in your valuable Monthly in your issue for February, on "The Amateurs' Rose Garden," by O. G. Johnston, of Kingston, the only part of that interesting article that I think is open to criticism, is where it treats on "Baby Roses." In the spring of '96 I purchased from Webster Bros, Hamilton, 20 roses for \$1. I had them sent by express, with soil on roots as taken out of thumb pots. No \$1 worth of plants gave me more satisfaction than those 20 bantling roses. They all flowered during summer and fall up till frost came. I had some fine blooms on Viscountess, Zolkstone, Kaiserin, Augusta, Victoria, etc.

And when I covered up my 20 "Babys" for the winter, I had nice stocky plants. I agree with Mr. Johnston that 2 year old plants will give more and better bloom, but still I would not give Mr. Johnston my 20 "Babys" for one of his honest grown 2 year olds. I would say to all amateurs, don't be afraid to invest \$1 in 20 of the bantling roses, as the attending and caring for these 20 "Babys" will be an object lesson to them in horticulture.

With your permission, I may have reason to refer to my 20 "Babys" when I take their winter clothing off.

WM. MCCREACH.

The Cemetery, Kincardine.