

## OUR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

**Grimsby.** The annual meeting was better attended than usual, and much interest taken in the election of officers, which was determined by ballot.

Mrs. E. J. Palmer was again elected President, and E. H. Read, Secretary. It was agreed to give three hardy roses to each member, and from the F. G. A. list to select the Campbell's Early grape vine for the gentlemen and the Dentzia Lemoinei for the ladies.

The directors propose to hold house meetings during the winter for the discussion of flower and fruit topics, and in the month of June to hold a rose exhibit and have a social gathering of the members on the lawn of the President, which is situated conveniently near to the village.

**Simcoe.**—The annual meeting of the Simcoe Horticultural Society was held in the Free Library Hall on Wednesday evening, 8th inst. There was a fair attendance of members. The President, Mr. H. H. Groff was in the chair.

**Mr. Groff's success.**—The Directors presented a report for the past year. We desire to quote a couple of paragraphs from it, one regarding our President, and the other relating to the late County Crown Attorney, Mr. Ansley.

"The year just closed will long be remembered in this locality because of the great Pan-American Exhibition held almost at our doors, being only a couple of hours ride from our homes. Here the brains, so to speak, of the brightest and cleverest people of this new world, were brought into competition, and it is safe to conclude that the judging was fair and honest, and that those entitled to the honors won. In this contest our fair Province secured an honorable place in horticulture—judging by our population we secured first place. And among other awards in flowers it is a matter for congratulation that the worthy President of this society, out of thirteen entries in Gladioli, secured thirteen first prizes and captured the gold medal, thus demonstrating that the finest bulbs of this beautiful flower to be found in America, if not in the world, are grown by Mr. Groff, thousands of beautiful varieties being originated by him every year. And thus not only the grower but the town itself has been greatly advertised among the multitudes of people who attended this Exhibition. We feel that we cannot let this opportunity pass without assuring Mr. Groff of the exceeding great pleasure it gives us to know of his success and we desire to congratulate him on the fact that in a competition of this kind he so completely vanquished all comers."

"For the first time in our history death has entered our ranks and snatched away one of our most esteemed members. John Henry Ansley was a gentleman who took an active part in the organization of this society. He was one who loved to work with flowers, fruit and vegetables, and he succeeded in their cultivation far beyond most others. His garden, where he spent many happy

hours, was a sight to behold. He held an important place in the community, and while he had reached a vigorous old age no one thought that he would so soon be taken from us. We desire to place on record our estimate of his worth and our appreciation of the services he rendered us."

**Woodstock.** The annual meeting of the Horticultural Society was held in the city council chamber last night with a good attendance of members. The reports of the treasurer showed the finances of the society to be in excellent shape, and the directors' report recorded one of the busiest and most successful years in the history of the society. The election of officers resulted in the return of those who officiated in 1901, with the exception of several changes on the board of directors.

President Pattullo was in the chair and the business of the meeting was commenced at 7:45 o'clock.

The treasurer's report for the year showed the receipts to have been \$374.51, \$109.50 of which was for subscriptions, \$48.03 for admission fees to exhibition, premium for Horticulturist \$20.00 and Legislative grant \$58. The expenditure amounted to \$258.23; \$53.60 of which was for purchase of seed and plants, \$35.75 for working expenses of flower show, \$18.00 for advertising, etc., \$28 for prizes awarded for best kept flower gardens, \$10.75 for rent and light of buildings for meetings and exhibition, \$2.50 for incidentals and \$1.03 for periodicals. The balance left over all expenditures was \$116.28.

**Directors' Annual Report 1901.** In presenting their annual report for 1901 your directors are pleased to state that the year was one of satisfactory progress. The membership of the society was larger than ever before and notwithstanding the additional expenditure incurred in giving prizes for cottage gardens, and to the scholars of the city schools, there was a substantial balance on hand at the end of the year.

The active assistance of lady members of the society has been secured and has proved most valuable. One of them, Mrs. Henry Davidson, read an extremely interesting paper at one of our meetings, and two others, Mrs. H. J. Finkle and Mrs. Dawson, have also promised to read papers at some future monthly meeting.

The interest and co-operation of the teachers and scholars of the public schools have also been enlisted in the work of the society.

Two lectures from the Provincial Association addressed the scholars of the Central school, and in the evening a public meeting in the Collegiate Institute, these addresses being much appreciated by all who heard them. The thanks of the society are also due to several of our local vocalists for their kindly assistance on the above occasion. In this connection we record with pleasure that for the first time the grounds of the Collegiate Institute, the Central school and the Court House