



❖ Our Affiliated Societies. ❖



FIG. 1511.—FLORAL EXHIBIT AT WOODSTOCK.

To our Affiliated Societies.

We wish you all a Happy and a Prosperous New Year. We wish to be mutually helpful and to this end we are annually improving our Journal. We invite your frequent Communications for its pages, together with photographs of new or valuable fruits or flowers. We are preparing a Constitution and By-laws for Affiliated Horticultural Societies, which we believe will greatly aid in the conduct of your work.

We would suggest to our Societies the wisdom of holding monthly meetings, say, on the first Monday evening in each month, at which a single paper be read by some member, and fully discussed.

A table of flowers would contribute to the interest of each such meeting.

We hope before long to be able to send you a lecturer on some horticultural topic, and we hope you will get as many of your members out to hear him as you possibly can. We would suggest the giving of a liberal collection of plants for summer blooming, to be given away at a public meeting in April or May. We also advise floral exhibitions in connection with your public meetings, at which award cards may be given, but no money prizes.

In case of a special exhibition you will find it best to have a floral committee to get a list of the promised exhibits from members, and to send a drayman to collect and return all plants according to labels, and to arrange them at the hall. An orchestra would greatly enliven the evening. Members contributing flowers to the exhibit should be admitted free, all others should be charged 10 cents.