

narrow-minded party. Whoever ventured to write or say anything against these sages was at once a marked man. The treatment which Dr. Gray received for daring to publish the first British Flora, arranged according to the Natural system, is no isolated case. Dr. Lindley's history, and that of several other men of genius, furnish additional examples. * * * * Dr. Lindley's rise, in the estimation of his contemporaries, was rapid, and for more than thirty years he was the centre to which botanists turned for advice and help, and around which botanical science in this country moved; Robert Brown, his equal—or let us rather say superior—in intellectual grasp, being of too retiring a disposition to serve that purpose.

Dr. Lindley's external history is briefly told. He was for many years Secretary to, not to say the life and soul of, the Horticultural Society during its palmy days, when botanical collectors such as Douglas and Hartweg were sent out to remote parts of the world, when Knight and Sabine published the result of their investigations, and new methods of cultivation were practically and successfully demonstrated at Chiswick. To his connexion with this body of enlightened men is owing his conception of his 'Theory of Horticulture,' a work which has done more to put gardening on its proper footing than any other, and which in this country went through several editions, and has been translated into many European languages by men of real eminence. This same connection also led him to feel acutely the want of a good weekly gardening newspaper, such as Fred. Otto had established in Berlin some years previously, and the 'Gardener's Chronicle' was the result. Dr. Lindley became the editor of the paper, and held that office till the day of his death. It offered him a ready field for expressing his opinions, freely criticising all that was unsound and shallow, and holding out that helping hand to rising talent so shamefully withheld from him on his first entry into scientific life. The 'Botanical Register' offered another opportunity of advancing his favorite science, by figuring and describing the most remarkable new plants that came to this country. Many of our garden pets, the names of which have become household words, such as Fuchsias, Verbenas, and Calceolarias, were first made known in the pages of that periodical. Dr. Lindley's particular favorites, however, were none of the plants just mentioned, but those most singular of all vegetable forms the Orchids; and it may be said that he brought them into fashion. For many years he labored inces-