



FIG. 1821. AZALEA INDICA, GROWN BY
R. JENNINGS, BRAMPTON.

close photos of the two plants and shall be pleased if you will give them space in your next issue.

HENRY ROBERTS, Sec'y.

TORONTO JUNCTION.—The Verandah and its Environments was the subject of Mr. Bacon's lecture before our society on Wednesday, the 28th March. He advised that a deep layer of good rich soil be placed around the verandah for honeysuckles, crimson ramblers, bitter sweet, jessamine, clematis, etc. Hanging baskets, he thought a necessary adjunct to the verandah, and such plants as the lobelia, the German ivy and other trailing plants, surmounted in the centre by a striking geranium, proved very effective. Instead of bringing plants out of the house and distributing them over the verandah, he suggested that cannas, in groups of half a dozen, should be

placed in large pots to give foliage, color and a tropical tinge. Palms and hydrangeas were also effective. Instead of beds, earthenware or rustic vases were recommended for the lawn on each side of the steps. These, containing vincas, the German ivy, the old Madeira vine, together with bright flowers, took up little room and would not deface the lawn.

MITCHELL.—The first public meeting under the auspices of the Mitchell Horticultural Society was held in the town hall on Friday evening, March 16th. For the first meeting of the kind there was a good attendance, and the audience evinced a keen interest in the proceedings and especially in the practical talk by Mr. Wm. Bacon, of Orillia. The management of the Ontario Association made no mistake in securing Mr. Bacon for this lecture work, for he is doing it well and his audiences are showing their appreciation by the attentive hearing they are giving him and the freedom with which they ply him with questions. The chair was occupied by Vice-President W. Elliot, B. A., the president, Dr. Smith, having been called out. T. H. Race first explained the purposes for which the society was organized, its aim and objects and the benefits to be gained through its privileges and its operations. One thing noticeable about the audience was that all the clergymen of the town were present, and at the close of Mr. Bacon's very practical and instructive address a vote of thanks in appreciative and complimentary language was proposed to him by Rev. M. Kenner, of the Methodist church, heartily seconded by Rev. Mr. Kerrin, of the Anglican church. The hall was nicely decorated with plants in bloom from the greenhouses of Mr. C. E. Skinner, and the object lesson was as pleasing as the talk of Mr. Bacon was instructive. The society has now over sixty members and the number promises to increase during the year. T. H. RACE, Sec.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

ANNUAL REPORT of The Fruit Growers' Association of P. E. I., 1900, annual meeting held at Charlottetown, Jan. 24, 1900. Secretary, Peter McCourt, Charlottetown. This is the record of the fourth annual meeting, and though scarcely fifty pages it is a most creditable report, showing that this association, though young in years, is yet accomplishing work which might do credit to an organization of riper years.

PRIZE LIST of the Great Northwestern Exhibition to be held in Goderich, Sept. 26, 7, 8, 1899.

THE AMATEUR'S PRACTICAL GARDEN BOOK, containing the simplest directions for the growing of the commonest things about the house and garden, by C. E. Hunn and L. H. Bailey. Published by the McMillan Co., New York, 1900. Price, \$2.00.

THE WESTERN NEW YORK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY—Proceedings of the 45th annual meeting, held at Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 24th and 25th, 1900. John Hall, Rochester, Secretary. This volume is full of practical interest to the most advanced fruit growers of North America, and is well worth the \$1.00 membership fee in return for which it is sent out.

This is a most convenient and useful volume of 250 pages; just what every amateur flower grower needs to have at his elbow for ready reference, to help him out of his difficulties and furnish needed information. It is a sort of Encyclopedia in a nutshell, having the names of plants alphabetically arranged, with brief description, treatment, etc. We commend this book to those who do not wish to invest in a larger or more expensive work.