

The following gentleman contributed papers or addresses during the year :—Messrs. W. King on "Small Fruits;" A. W. Peart, "Fertilization of Fruit Blossoms;" J. W. Bridgeman, "Bees in Relation to Fruit Growing," and Geo. N. Peer on "Raspberry Culture."

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THE GLADIOLUS.

By MRS. E. J. PALMER, GRIMSBY.

I had but little idea of the value of Gladiolus when I began to prepare this paper, and I think we have been most fortunate in choosing it for our initial effort. It belongs to the order Iridaceæ. The roots are bulbous; the leaves linear or sword-shaped, from which it derives its name Gladiolus (Latin for a little sword). The Cape of Good Hope produces the greater number of known species. A few, however, are natives of other

countries, species have been introduced in cultivation from the border. quantity of

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