

## CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW AT GRIMSBY.

THE Members and Directors of the Grimsby Horticultural Society are to be congratulated upon the great success of the first Chrysanthemum Show which was held in the Town Hall on November the 11th. In May, each member received a basket containing five choice named varieties of Chrysanthemums in five inch pots. Seventy-five baskets were distributed by the Society, and the care given the plants was most gratifying to all interested in the exhibition. The morning of the show fruit lorries were sent out in care of experienced men, to convey the flowers to the Hall. They were all labeled on coming in, and safely returned to the owners. The plants of members were arranged on long tables two feet in height, on the north side of the hall. Honorary prizes were given for the best collection of fine plants and best specimen plant. There was keen competition among the members, and a difficult task for the judges, Mrs. Osborne, and Mrs. Gibson wife of

the member for Lincoln, to decide. The centre of the Hall was filled with Chrysanthemums of rare and exquisite beauty, while on the north side, Mr. Cole, the Florist, filled the tables, the length of the Hall, with decorative plants and Chrysanthemums from his greenhouses, which added greatly to the beauty of the exhibition. He had in his collection some magnificent specimens.

The stage was very prettily decorated with yellow and white Chrysanthemums, and the bronze and red burrs of the Ricinus, some of the branches two feet in length, and these were thought by some to be huge bundles of grapes; the whole very beautifully set off by a background of palms, some magnificent specimens belonging to Mr. William Gibson. The Hall was crowded by lovers of plant culture, and never before was an exhibition of such excellence presented to lovers of flowers in Grimsby.

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## WINTER CARE OF GERANIUMS.

First, give the plants all the light you can command, and turn them every day or two, so that all parts may feel the influence of the sun.

Second, be careful about overwatering. It is better that the soil should become a little dry and then be fully saturated with water, than that it should be kept quite moist all the time.

Third, keep the temperature down to about 60°, a little less at night, and a little more in full daylight.

Fourth, see that the atmosphere is

not made over-dry by furnace or stove heat. Water should be kept on the heating apparatus, so that it may evaporate and pass into the air of the room.

Fifth, occasionally wash or sprinkle the leaves of the plants, in order to remove dust. By taking them to the kitchen sink once a week this work may be quickly and neatly done.

Sixth, keep the plants free from insects, especially green-fly.—Vicks' Magazine for February.