

the bulbs distributed to all members were here shown and the awards made. There was a large entry list in this section, thus improving the wisdom of the Society's action in stimulating competition. Not the least interesting feature of the show was the presence of Mr. William Bacon, of Orillia, who acted as judge, and at the same time gave the exhibitors the benefit of his ripe experience in floriculture. His address at the close of the show was most instructive. Our thanks are due to the officers of the Congregational church for their kindness in placing their grounds at our disposal, free of cost.

ORILLIA.—The first monthly meeting of the Directors of the Horticultural Society was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday evening. Notwithstanding the intense cold, there was a fair attendance. Mr. Bolster, President, occupied the chair. Several matters pertaining to Horticulture were discussed. Mr. Street mentioned a pest, new to this part of the country, which had appeared on his stocks, and it was decided to submit a specimen to Professor Fletcher, of the Central Experimental Farm, with a view to ascertaining the speediest method of exterminating it. Mr. C. E. Grant gave interesting information as to some insects, including the much-talked-of "kissing bug." It was decided to invite Professor Fletcher again to visit Orillia and deliver his lecture on insects and insecticides, Mr. Grant kindly promising the use of his fine collection to illustrate the lecture. Mr. A. B. Thompson brought up the question of encouraging the beautifying of streets and private grounds throughout the town. He suggested that the Town Council, the Board of Trade and the Horticultural Society might issue a circular, offering some encouragement to those who plant shade trees in the streets.

GRIMSBY.—A most successful parlor meeting of this Society was held one evening in February at the home of Mr. M. Pettit, Winona. The principal address was by Mr. N. Keep who gave a detailed account of his experiences in raising flowering bulbs, and at the same time showing specimens of the same, grown in his own little greenhouse. This was followed by an excellent programme of music and recitations.

This Society has adopted the plan of giving away plants as premiums for the exhibits, this

being much more in line with our work than giving money prizes.

OTTAWA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—This is a most progressive Society. The directors have issued a circular to their members, which read as follows:—

In again presenting a Premium List to the members, the President and Directors of the Ottawa Horticultural Society beg to state that the greatest care has been exercised in choosing the plants, bulbs, &c., for distribution, and also in arranging the prize list, and they trust that the liberal offer made this year will, as hitherto, meet with the approval of the members.

With the object of developing bulb growing—both in the dwelling house and in the garden—a list of suitable and desirable bulbs was, last year, included in the Premium List in addition to the spring distribution of plants and seeds. This step proved a most popular one with the members and the results were so gratifying that it has been decided to again this year offer a list of first quality bulbs, selected with a special consideration of the likely conditions of the members. This, together with the spring distribution, special donation, and the large number of prizes and special prizes (see prize list) for exhibitors, is a more liberal offer than accorded to members of any other Horticultural Society in Canada, but by this means the Directors feel that they are fully carrying out the objects of the Society. The Ottawa Horticultural Society is, perhaps, the most prominent and strongest Horticultural Society in Ontario; it has steadily increased its membership roll year by year and it is the hope of the Directors that it will continue to grow and have a marked influence on horticulture in this district. They trust, therefore, that the members will assist in the good work by bringing to the notice of their friends the object of the Society, pointing out the advantages and privileges its members enjoy.

In addition to the choice selections of bulbs to be distributed in September, and the extensive list of plants, &c., to be delivered in May, each member will receive one plant of Maule's Japanese Quince, donated by the Experimental Farm. The flowers of this shrub are very ornamental, being large and bright red, and in the autumn when the golden colored, highly perfumed quinces are ripe it makes a very interesting object.

LITERARY NOTE.

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY has just issued *The Elements of the Theory and Practice of Cookery*; a Text-book of Household Science for Use in Schools, accompanied by a Teacher's Manual, by Mary E. Williams, Supervisor of Cooking in the New York Public Schools; and Katharine Rolston Fisher. The three parts into which the book is divided include (1) Preparatory lessons on Air, Fire, Fuel, Water, Cleaning, etc.; (2) Starch and the Cooking of Starchy Foods, Eggs, Milk, Bread, Food in its relation to the body, Flesh used as Food, Fats and Frying, Vegetables, the Service

of food, Study of digestion; (3) Sugar and sweet dishes, Preservation, Diet for invalids, Diet for babies and little children, miscellaneous topics. The convenient arrangement of the subject-matter its adaptability to individual, group or class work, the saving of time effected by the use of a book containing notes and receipts that have ordinarily to be copied or taken from dictation, and the suggestions to the pupils concerning supplementary reading, are points that will be appreciated readily by the teacher.