

for fruit growers, but since so many horticultural societies have affiliated and our membership now includes so many interested in floriculture, we are compelled to give more attention to this department. We shall always appreciate suggestions from our readers, and beg their aid in making this journal increasingly useful.

Our Affiliated Societies.

ORILLIA.—At a meeting of the Directors on the 13th of November last, it was resolved that a grant of \$30, or so much less as might be required to pay the prizes awarded for fine arts, be made to the East Simcoe Agricultural Society, provided it could legally be done, and the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Department of Agriculture in the matter. The following is the reply of the Department: "In reply to your letter, I beg to state that it seems to us the present proposal of making a grant to the District Society sufficient to pay the fine art prizes, in no way differs from your previous practice of paying these prizes direct. The act certainly does not contemplate allowing Horticultural Societies to pay for prizes outside of Horticulture, and we are not in a position at present to know whether such action on the part of your Society would meet with protest from any source, or whether it would meet with the approval of all parties concerned. The District Society, of course, would be pleased. Then, I take it for granted that the members of

your Horticultural Society are unanimously in favor of it. There are, however, four other societies interested, and it would be quite within the province of any one of them to object to our paying money to your Society to be used for the purposes other than the act states. We are not going to say under the circumstances that you must not make the grant this year. If you make it you must assume full responsibility, and it must not be taken as a precedent for next year." The foregoing letter was read at the annual meeting, and the Secretary stated that on receipt of the letter he had consulted with the President, and it was deemed advisable to reserve the matter for the action of that meeting. Some discussion ensued, and it was moved by Mr. Alport and seconded by Mr. Street, and resolved, that, in view of the letter from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture just read, this meeting is of opinion that none of the funds of the Society should be expended for any object not fully justified by the act of the Legislature.

Our Book Table.

EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.—Report for 1898. Dr. Wm. Saunders, Ottawa.

A fine report, showing what valuable works these farms are doing for Canada.

THE GARDEN.—A weekly illustrated journal for garden, orchard and woodland, Volume 57. Office, 20 Tavistock street, London, W. C., England.

For a long time this journal has been among the most valued of our exchanges, being conducted with exceptional ability and containing articles of exceptional value to gardeners and fruit growers. Of course the matter is adapted to English conditions, but aside from this it is in advance of American journals in teaching methods of intensive horticulture. The journal has recently changed hands and is the property of the managing owners of "Country Life." The editors are Miss Jekyl and Mr. E. T. Cook, whose ability is well shown by the excellent issues so far sent us for 1900.

FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES, Roses and Shrubs, grown and for sale at Central Nurseries by A. G. Hull & Son, Central Nurseries, St. Catharines, Ont.

DIRECTIONS FOR SURVEYING AND ARRANGING HOME AND SCHOOL GROUNDS, a well illustrated pamphlet, written and published by W. H. Manning, Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.,—in press. Price, 25 cents. 1900.

A HAND BOOK FOR PLANNING AND PLANTING HOME GROUNDS.—Written by W. H. Manning, Boston; published by Stout Manual Training School, Menomonie, Wis., 1899. Price, 35 cents.

These are two books of great value in their respective spheres, the one giving directions for surveying and arranging home and school grounds, the other for planning and planting the same. Being prepared by one of the leading landscape architects in America is alone a sufficient guarantee of the practical nature and excellence of these books, which has been so highly appreciated by Mr. Stout, the founder of the Training School at Menomonie, Wis., that he has published the hand-book for use at the school.

We shall be pleased if we can be the means of introducing these books into Ontario for the encouragement of landscape gardening, and thus helping to beautify the parks and gardens of our country.