

Napanee.—A very large and successful public meeting, under the auspices of the Napanee Horticultural Society, was held here on Tuesday evening, 4th inst. It was one of the most successful and pleasant meetings yet held by the society. The speakers of the evening were Mr. A. Gilchrist, of Toronto Junction, and Mrs. Torrance, of Chautauquay Basin, near Montreal. They are both first class speakers and practical horticulturists, and their services have been engaged by the Fruit Growers' Association, in connection with the Ontario department of agriculture. They were probably the strongest and most efficient deputation that has yet visited Napanee in any such capacity. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. S. Herrington, K. C., vice-president, who made one of the most complete and practical chairman's addresses the society has ever had the privilege of hearing. It is well worth publishing verbatim.

At the conclusion of the addresses a vote of thanks was moved by T. Symington and seconded by J. Pollard. Rockwell's Glee Club were present and added much to the pleasure of the meeting by rendering several musical selections in their very efficient manner. A question drawer, and the practical answers it drew out, was also a very valuable feature of the meeting.

Another thing that added to the pleasure of the meeting was the fine exhibition of plants by some of the well known members of the society. Mrs. Wilkinson, the efficient president, gave a display of some very fine specimens of hyacinths. Mr. John Wilson and John Pollard also displayed some beautiful plants of their own cultivation.

The society, under its present efficient management, is said to be now one of the best in the province. Some of its leading members have proposed procuring a small plot central in the town and beautifying it. Such a movement would add much to our town's attractions, and, we doubt not, that some of our leading citizens would cheerfully give

tangible encouragement to it. We have already heard it intimated that some would subscribe liberally for that purpose. Mr. Gilchrist, who has attended many similar meetings, publicly stated that he met here the most responsive audience he had anywhere met similar occasions.

Cobourg.—A meeting of the directors of the Horticultural Society was held on Monday afternoon March 3rd. It was resolved to offer cash prizes amounting to \$40 for excellence in flower gardening during the coming season, and Messrs Hayden and Denton and Mrs. Field were appointed a committee to arrange a prize list, and the conditions of competition. Mr. Hayden suggested that prizes be given for the best flower beds, window boxes, ferneries, earliest potatoes, etc., open to the town, and that there be special prizes awarded to the school children for sweet peas, bouquets, etc. The object of the Society is to encourage local improvement as much as possible. It was decided that the Spring distribution for 1902 shall consist of the following named plants; to which each paid-up member will be entitled, viz:—One of Kelway's new hardy hybrid Delphiniums, one of Kelway's hardy perennial Gaillardias, one of Kelway's choice autumn perennial Phloxes (The foregoing plants have been imported by the Horticultural Society directly from the renowned Royal Horticultural Gardens, established by Kelway & Sons at Langport, Somerset, England). One hybrid perpetual Rose, one one clematis Jackmanni Superba, one box of Carnations.

Leamington.—The directors met on the 15th of February and decided to offer the members Hubbardston, Jonathan and Bismarck apple trees; Monarch and Climax plums; Engold, Dewey and Chairs peach; and Spiraea, Hydrangea, Wiegelia and Honeysuckle shrubs.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SAN JOSE SCALE, 1901, by George E. Fisher, Freeman. This report is a most interesting and valuable one, and every fruit grower who has reason to fear the invasion of his orchard by the scale should at once write the Department of Agriculture, Toronto, for a copy.

BOOKS.

CYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN HORTICULTURE.—Comprising suggestions for cultivation of horticultural plants, description of the species of fruits, vegetables, flowers and ornamental plants sold in the United States and Canada, together with geographical and biographical sketches, by L. H. Bailey, of Cornell University, illustrated with over two thousand engravings, 1902. 3 volumes at \$5.00 a volume. Published by the MacMillan Co., 66 Fifth ave., New York City. A magnificent work and indispensable to the library of every progressive horticulturist. This fourth volume completes the work, which reflects great credit upon the editor and his co-laborers. No doubt it will be in world wide demand.

FUMIGATION METHODS, by W. S. Johnson. A practical treatise for farmers, fruit growers, nurserymen, gardeners, florists, millers, grain dealers, transportation companies, college and experiment station workers. Published by Orange Judd Co., 1902. Price, \$1.

CATALOGUES.

CARNATIONS, Wholesale List, 1902. Also plant novelties and general floral stock. J. Gammage & Sons, London, Ont. **STRAWBERRY PLANTS.** T. C. Robinson, Owen Sound, Ont. Spring, 1902. **F. R. PIERSON COMPANY**, importers, growers and dealers in choice seeds, bulbs and plants, Tarrytown on Hudson, N. Y., 1902. **I. H. GREGORY & SON**, Marblehead, Mass., 1902. Catalogue of vegetable and flower seeds. A fine illustrated descriptive catalogue free to all. **MAULE'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY SEED CATALOGUE, 1902**, Philadelphia, Pa. **FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES**, Central Nurseries, A. G. Hull & Son, St. Catharines. **CHOICE STRAWBERRY PLANTS**, Chas. H. Snow, Cummings Bridge, Ontario. **GRAPE VINES AND GENERAL NURSERY STOCK**, Lewis Roesch, Fredonia, N. Y., 1902.