

at this meeting, and also the address from the 1st vice-president, was printed in full in the *Stirling Argus*. Prof. Macoun's lecture on climbing vines and perennials on Monday evening was very entertaining and instructive. Music was furnished by the *Stirling band*.

KINCARDINE.—The secretary sends us their circular giving the members a choice of ten collections and offering any member any of the other collections at the wholesale cost. Children are encouraged by the "Flower League" to join that department, each paying 10 cents and receiving the "Flower League" premium collection. Cut flowers and plants grown from this collection will form one of the most interesting parts of the Annual Horticultural Exhibition.

NAPANEE.—The town hall was filled to the doors to hear Prof. Macoun, of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, give an address on horticulture. Mr. T. M. Henry, chairman, in his introduction spoke of the benefit the society had been to the town in the way of beautifying the homes and increasing public interest in floriculture in the formation of a public park. There was an interesting musical programme, which was highly appreciated. There was also a question drawer at the close of the lecture.

CARDINAL.—Sir: In re lecture on "Flowers for a Small Garden," by Mr. R. B. White, of Ottawa, held in the town hall here on Tuesday evening, the 30th, it was a very satisfactory lecture on both sides. The audience had many little details explained and questions answered, and the lecturer remarked that it was the best audience he had had yet, and as we are next to last on his list it is pleasant to think that the Cardinal society can more than hold its own against the towns in receiving a lecturer.
E. E. GILBERT.

PORT HOPE.—Professor Macoun gave last evening in the town hall a very interesting talk about flowers. He strongly recommended the more general planting of perennials, as in his opinion they gave the best average results. He exhibited dried specimens of those which had proved hardy at the Experimental Farm at Ottawa, which added much to the interest of the meeting. A vote of thanks was moved by J. Smart, Esq., vice-president, and seconded by Judge Benson, which the chairman, H. H. Burham, president, tendered to the professor, hoping we should hear him again on some future occasion.

OWEN SOUND.—On the evening of the 13th March we had our visit from Mr. Wm Bacon, lecturer from the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association. Questions were freely asked and answered. One was: Why the Easter Lilies were so unsatisfactory of late? The lecturer attributed the failure to deterioration of the bulbs. He advised that we cease purchasing for a time until the growers find the importance of growing better stock. In reply to a question about house plants he said it was necessary to have lots of fresh air, good soil, a sharp knife, hard heart and a little patience, and with these success was sure to come. Dr. Cam-

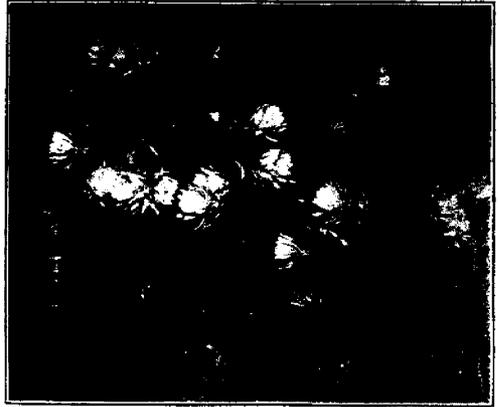


FIG. 1820. CRAB CACTUS, GROWN BY R. JENNINGS, BRAMPTON.

eron, the chairman, emphasized the wonderful effects of flowers in the sickroom, and advised that they be more often sent to houses of the poor in time of sickness.

PARIS.—On Thursday evening, 22nd March, we were greatly favored by a lecture from Mr. Wm. Bacon, of Orillia, on the subject, "The Bulbous Family," presented in a popular manner. The hall was well filled with an enthusiastic and appreciative audience, the more so as our society has included bulbs in its free distribution this year. Mr Bacon's lecture was one of the best that has ever been given in Paris under the auspices of this society.

Our society is only entering its second year but with increased vigor, not so much in numbers as in enthusiasm, and we look forward to a prosperous year.
GORDON J. SMITH, Sec'y.

BRAMPTON.—Mr. Burrell, of St. Catharines, delivered a lecture on "Flowers in the Home" on the 5th March, in Haines hall, and although the night was a very boisterous one, between thirty and forty of our association were present and were deeply interested in the lucid and educational manner in which the lecture was delivered. Dr. French our 1st vice-president, on the violin and Miss Alice Treadgold on the piano gave several selections during the evening. Many questions were asked and answered. A pleasant feature of the evening was the production of two photographic pictures by one of our esteemed members, the manager of the Merchants Bank, W. C. Young. "The Azalea Indica," raised by Mr. Richard Jennings, florist, one of our society; the other is the "Night Blooming Cereus," grown in the conservatory of Mr. W. C. Young. The picture does not show all the flowers out at the time the photo was taken, and about three weeks previously about fourteen blooms were out. If our societies have any photographers in their membership I am sure the general members would be pleased to see cuts of plants, etc., in *The Horticulturist*. I en-