

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
HAMILTON
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,
WITH
The List of Articles for Competition,
AND THE
AMOUNT OF PREMIUMS
FOR 1856.



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REPORT.

At the Annual Meeting held at Norton's Hotel, on the 22nd January, the following Report was read by the Secretary :

The Committee, in submitting their Annual Report would remark, that the Spring show, owing to the lateness of the season, was postponed for several days to enable many of the prizes offered to be competed for ; still the articles exhibited were quite equal in point of excellence, to similar articles exhibited in former years, but they regret that, owing to the well remembered storm on the evening in question, the usual receipts taken at the door were swept away. The damage then done to the gardens in the City and Neighbourhood, prevented any show being held in July.

The Fall Exhibition, notwithstanding the dearth of Peaches, was without doubt the best the Society ever held ; the entries of products were very numerous, and the quality of them much applauded. The Committee draw particular attention to the Prizes open to the Province, which the generosity of some of the leading Members enabled them to offer, for which although there were many entries from other places, only two were carried away from the Society.

Your Committee at its last show appointed a Sub-Committee to make enquiries and to take steps towards establishing a model garden in Hamilton, for the pursuits of Horticulture and its kindred sciences. They are happy to state that the interest excited by the project is encouraging, and feel that now is the proper time for all friends of the project to rally around them if such a scheme is to be carried out—a scheme which will in future years be a source of instruction and amusement, and of an importance to Hamilton we can now hardly rightly estimate.

The thanks of the Society are due to the parties who so kindly acted as judges for the past year, and to those persons who sent articles for exhibition only—particularly to the

Messrs. Kelly & Co. of this City, and to Messrs. Racey, Kennedy & Co., of Mount Pleasant.

Your Committee in referring to the statement of Finance submitted below, would draw the attention of their successors to the large number of subscriptions still unpaid, and the Committee appeal to the moral honesty of parties owing subscriptions whether it is right they should spend their time in making collection, which a proper appreciation of the duties of its Officers would render unnecessary, and would more than suffice to pay the deficiency in its funds, caused in part by the failure of the June Show.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. CARTWRIGHT,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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To Balance from last year...£ 10 11 2	By Subscriptions for 1854, unpaid £ 13 0 0
Subscriptions.. 85 0 0	Paid prizes June Show..... 27 8 9
June Show receipts..... 13 2 6	“ “ Sept. 37 12 6
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* To meet this there are still outstanding debts to the amount of £13.

Moved by W. H. MILLER: That the

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The following elected:

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Moved by M. H. MILLER: That the carried; "That make enquiry such steps as a model garden port to this So BURTON, W. C. W. DIXON.

Moved by Wm. DIXON, seconded by W. H. MILLS, and carried: That the Report now read be adopted.

Moved by W. H. MILLS, seconded by W. DIXON, and carried: That the first clause of the constitution of the Society be amended, by adding thereto a 2nd Vice-President, a 2nd Secretary, and four Managers.

The following Officers, for the current year, were then elected:

JOHN BROWN, Esq.,—*President*.

DR. CRAIGIE,—*1st Vice-President*.

WARREN HOLTON,—*2nd Vice-President*.

JNO. A. BRUCE,—*Treasurer*.

G. E. CARTWRIGHT, } *Secretaries*.
EDMUND KELLY, }

COMMITTEE.

W. H. MILLS.

N. MERRITT.

D. MURRAY.

J. HARRISON.

F. W. FEARMAN.

WM. DIXON.

G. SNOOK.

C. MESTON.

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J. GAY.

J. FARLEY.

Moved by Mr. CARTWRIGHT, seconded by Mr. HOLTON, and carried; "That the following gentlemen be a Committee to make enquiry and correspond with Government, and take such steps as shall be likely to expedite the establishment of a model garden in Hamilton, or its neighbourhood, and report to this Society, JNO. BROWN, NEHEMIAH MERRITT, G. W. BURTON, W. CRAIGIE, M. D., ADAM BROWN, W. PRING, and W. DIXON.

REGULATIONS FOR THE SHOWS.

The Committee will be in attendance from 8 to 10 o'clock, A. M.; on the days of exhibition, to receive the articles, none of which will be admitted after the last named hour, and all are requested to be sent as early as possible.

Competitors are notified that every article must be delivered in a clean and proper state for exhibition; those requiring it, must be made up in neat and suitable packages, and all articles must have their names attached.

It is *absolutely necessary* that no article on exhibition be touched or handled, as the Committee wish to deliver the specimens to their respective owners in the best possible condition.

The Committee cannot be accountable for the re-delivery of any article, if not claimed within the time specified by the Committee; from 8 to 10, A. M., on the morning after the show.

The Judges to have the liberty of cutting any article that has to be decided by the taste, and to have the option of refusing Premiums for any article they do not consider worthy.

It is not competent for the Judges to rectify errors in entering articles for exhibition.

Parties entering articles under the wrong class must suffer the loss of their prize.

Discretionary prizes are fixed; first, at 5s., second, at 2s. 6d.

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THE FIRST EXHIBITION

*Will be on Wednesday, the 25th June, when Premiums
for the undermentioned articles will be awarded.*

	£	s	d.
Best half peck Early Pease.....	0	10	0
Second do do do	0	7	6
Best two quarts do	0	5	0
Best quart French Beans.....	0	7	6
Second best do do	0	5	0
Best quart Early Kidney Potatoes, open air	0	7	6
Second best do do do do	0	5	0
Best quart do do do under glass..	0	7	6
Best do round, open air.....	0	7	6
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best Green Flesh Melon, not less than 16 ozs, ripe..	0	10	0
Best Melon of any other sort, ripe.....	0	7	6
Best brace of Cucumbers.....	0	10	0
Second do do	0	5	0
Best half dozen Early White Turnips.....	0	5	0
Best do do Yellow do	0	5	0
Best dozen Carrots, open air.....	0	5	0
Best dozen Radishes.....	0	5	0
Best do Stalks Rhubarb.....	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best three Early Cabbages.....	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best half dozen Lettuce.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best pint of Strawberries.....	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best variety do	0	7	6
Best dozen Onions (Fall sown).....	0	5	0
Do do (Spring).....	0	5	0
Best dozen Onions (Potato).....	0	5	0
Best peck Spinach.....	0	5	0
Best bunch curled Parsly.....	0	5	0
*Best six Hybrid perpetual Roses, named.....	0	10	0
Second do do do do	0	5	0

*All Roses to be exhibited with foliage.

	£	s.	d.
Best six Summer Roses, named.....	0	10	0
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best six tender Roses.....	0	7	6
Best general variety of Roses, named.....	0	10	0
Second do do do	0	7	6
Best twelve Pansies, sorts.....	0	5	0
Best six do do	0	2	2
Best twelve Pinks, do	0	7	6
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best do trusses Sweet Williams.....	0	5	0
Second do do do	0	2	6
Best six do Verbenas (sorts).....	0	7	6
Second do do do do	0	5	0
Best do Geraniums, in pots, (sorts).....	0	10	0
Second do do do do	0	5	0
Best single specimen.....	0	5	0
Best six Calceolarias.....	0	5	0
Best twelve Greenhouse Plants.....	0	15	0
Best six do do	0	7	6
Best do Fuchsias.....	0	10	0
Second do do	0	5	0
Best single specimen do.....	0	5	0
Best three Cottage Plants, in flower.....	0	7	6
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best specimen do do	0	5	0
Best six spikes Flowering Shrubs.....	0	5	0
Second do do do	0	2	6
Best six Balsams, in pots.....	0	7	6
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best bouquet of Flowers, table, most tastefully ar- ranged	0	10	0
Best do do hand, do do	0	7	6
Best Floral design.....	0	12	6
Second do do	0	7	6
Third do do	0	5	0
Best twelve annuals.....	0	7	6
Best variety of hardy climbing Shrubs, in flower... 0	7	6	

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Best six specimens of Native Flowers.....	0	7	6
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best 12 Dessert Apples, in best state of preservation	0	10	0
Best twelve Baking Apples, do do do	0	7	6
Best dish of Cherries.....	0	5	0

SPECIAL PRIZES.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Duncan A. MacNab's prize for the best variety of Sweet Williams.....	0	10	0
Messrs. Thompson & Murray's Prize for the best three Seedling Plants, florists' flowers, in flower.....	0	10	0
Mr. Wm. Mills' prize for best greatest variety of Rhubarb	1	0	0
Mr. Snook's prize for the best and newest 6 Pansies not less than 2 sorts.....	0	10	0

Should the Committee deem it advisable, due notice will be given of a

SECOND EXHIBITION.

On Wednesday, the 18th July, when Premiums for the undermentioned articles will be awarded.

	£	s.	d.
Best twelve Carnations (varieties).....	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best twelve Piccotees do	0	5	0
Best six do do	0	2	6
Best twelve Pinks, do	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best variety of Roses.....	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best and greatest variety of Verbenas.....	0	7	6
Best twelve do	0	7	6

	£	s.	D.
Best six Verbenas, varieties,	0	5	0
Best twelve Dahlias, varieties.....	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best twelve Hollyhocks do	0	7	6
Best six Hollyhocks, varieties.....	0	5	0
Best twelve Phloxes, do	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best twelve Annuals, do	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best twelve Stocks, do	0	7	6
Best six do do	0	5	0
Best twelve Native Flowers, varieties.....	0	5	0
Best six do do	0	2	6
Best variety of Native Flowers, cultivated.....	0	7	6
Best variety of Herbaceous Plants, in flower	0	7	6
Second best do do do	0	5	0
Best variety of Greenhouse Plants, in flower.....	0	10	0
Second best do do do	0	7	6
Best three Cottage Plants, in flower.....	0	7	6
Best single specimen.....	0	5	0
Best half peck Pease	0	5	0
Second do	0	2	6
Best quart French Beans.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best half peck Kidney Potatoes	0	2	6
Best do Round do.....	0	2	6
Best three Early York Cabbage.....	0	5	0
Best three Cabbage any other sort	0	5	0
Best three Cauliflower.....	0	7	6
Second do	0	5	0
Best six Beets.....	0	5	0
Best six Turnips.....	0	5	0
Best pint Cherries.....	0	5	0
Best assortment of Cherries, a pint of each.....	0	7	6
Second best do do do	0	5	0
Best quart Ripe Gooseberries.....	0	7	6
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THE THIRD EXHIBITION.

Will be on Wednesday, the 17th September, when Premiums for the undermentioned Articles will be awarded, subject to the same regulations as the June show.

	£	s.	d.
Best half peck of Pease.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best quart French Beans.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best quart Lima Beans	0	7	6
Best do Okroe	0	10	0
Best two Green Flesh Melons.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best two Melons of any other sort.....	0	5	0
Best six Horn Carrots	0	5	0
Best do Garden do., any other kind.....	0	5	0
Best do Parsnips.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best dozen Red Onions.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best do Yellow do.....	0	5	0
Best quart Silver Skin Pickling Onions, (small)...	0	5	0
Second do do do (do.)... ..	0	2	6
Best three varieties of Squash, (two of each)....	0	5	0
Best half-dozen Sweet Corn.....	0	5	0
Best dozen White Garden Turnips.....	0	5	0
Best do Yellow do	0	5	0
Best three Garden Blood Beets	0	5	0
Best Scarlet Turnip Beet.....	0	5	0
Best three heads Cauliflower.....	0	7	6
Second do do	0	5	0
Best three heads Broccoli.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best three heads Savoys.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best three heads Winter Cabbage.....	0	5	0

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Second best three heads Winter Cabbage.....	0	2	6
Best three heads Red do.....	0	5	0
Second do do do.....	0	2	6
Best three heads Scotch Kail.....	0	5	0
Best six roots Red Celery.....	0	7	6
Second do do.....	0	5	0
Best six roots White Celery.....	0	7	6
Second do do.....	0	5	0
Best dozen Tomatoes.....	0	7	6
Second do do.....	0	5	0
Best quart pickling Cucumbers.....	0	5	0
Best do do Gherkins.....	0	5	0
Best dozen Capsicums.....	0	5	0
Best half dozen Salsify.....	0	5	0
Best three Fruit White Egg Plant.....	0	5	0
Second do Purple do.....	0	5	0
Best six Golden Russet Apples.....	0	5	0
Best six Bourasseau do.....	0	5	0
Best six Holland Pippin Apples.....	0	5	0
Best six Spitzenberg do.....	0	5	0
Best six Rhode I. Greening do.....	0	5	0
Best Seedling Apple.....	0	7	6
Best dozen Dessert Fall Apples.....	0	7	6
Second do do.....	0	5	0
Best do do Winter do.....	0	7	6
Best dozen Baking Apples.....	0	7	6
Second do do.....	0	5	0
Best assortment Dessert Apples, 3 each kind, named	0	10	0
Best do do Baking do do do.....	0	10	0
Best dozen Siberian Crabs.....	0	5	0
Best dozen Crabs, varieties.....	0	5	0
Best variety fall Pears, 4 each kind.....	0	10	0
Best dozen do 3 each kind.....	0	7	6
Second do.....	0	5	0
Best variety Winter Pears, 3 each kind.....	0	10	0
Second do do do.....	0	7	6
Best dozen Quinces.....	0	10	0

	£	s.	D.
Best dozen Freestone Peaches.....	0	10	0
Second do do	0	7	6
Best do Clingstone do	0	7	6
Best and greatest variety of Peaches.....	0	10	0
Best dozen Nectarines.....	0	5	0
Best do Plums, dessert.....	0	5	0
Best do do baking.....	0	5	0
Best variety Plums.....	0	7	6
Best quart Damaon Plums	0	5	0
Best 3 clusters Foreign Grapes, grown under glass.	0	10	0
Second do do do	0	7	6
Best 3 clusters Grapes, grown in open air, White..	0	7	6
Best do do do Black..	0	5	0
Best dozen Dahlias (varieties).....	0	7	6
Best half dozen do (do)	0	5	0
Best dozen Verbenas.....	0	7	6
Best half dozen do	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best half dozen Roses, named.....	0	7	6
Best 6 Bourbon Roses.....	0	5	0
Best six Phloxes, (varieties).....	0	7	6
Second do (do.)	0	5	0
Best six Petunias (do.)	0	5	0
Second do (do.)	0	2	6
Best quart of Cranberries, cultivated.....	0	5	0
Best half dozen Pansies.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best three Cockscombs.....	0	5	0
Second do do	0	2	6
Best half dozen Spikes of Balsams.....	0	5	0
Second do do do	0	5	0
Best dozen do do Stocks	0	7	6
Best half dozen do do	0	5	0
Best dozen China Asters (sorts)	0	5	0
Best half dozen do do	0	5	0
Best do Hollyhocks, do	0	7	6

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0 5 0	Second do do do do.....	0 5 0
0 5 0	Best Bouquet of Flowers, most tastefully arranged..	0 7 6
0 5 0	Best six Fuchsias.....	0 7 6
0 7 6	Second do do.....	0 5 0
0 5 0	Best three Cottage Plants, in flower.....	0 5 0
0 10 0	Best Floral design.....	0 15 0
0 7 6	Best basket of Vegetables, best and greatest variety	0 10 0
0 7 6	Second do do do do.....	0 5 0

SPECIAL PRIZES.

0 5 0	Mr. Pring's prize for the best collection of Native Plants and Shrubs, in flower.....	0 10 0
0 7 6	Mr. R. Osborne's prize for the best and greatest variety of Tomatoes.....	0 10 0
0 5 0	Dr. Craigie's prize for the best collection of Botanical specimens (not fewer than 25) of Native Flowers, pasted, and named.....	0 10 0

The following Special Prizes are offered, open to the Province.

0 5 0	Mr. I. Buchanan's, for the best collection of Peaches.	1 0 0
0 5 0	Mr. Holton's, for the best variety of Plums, named not less than 6 kinds and 3 of each kind.....	1 0 0

£ s. d.

Mr. Freeman's, for a basket of Dessert Fruit, best and greatest variety, and most tastefully arranged.	1	0	0
Mr. John Brown's, for the best variety of Hardy Roses, not less than twelve.	1	0	0
Mr. Archibald Kerr's, for the best variety of Apples, three of each kind, named.	1	0	0
Mr. Juson's, for the best variety of Pears, three of each kind.	1	0	0
Mr. Snook's for the best variety of hardy Grapes not less than three clusters.	1	0	0
Mr. McLaren's, for the 12 best heads Celery.	1	0	0
Mr. John Young's for the best three heads Cauliflower.	1	0	0
Mr. Cartwright's, for the best Singing Bird.	1	0	0
Mr. J. Brown's, for the best collection of Singing Birds.	1	5	0
Mr. Bruce's, for the best 12 Roots of Japan Batatas.	1	0	0
Mr. Fearman's, for the best invention for protecting shade trees, not less than 7 feet above surface of ground; special reference being had to cheapness and durability; the merits of the invention to be decided by the Judges.	1	0	0
Mr. Merrit's for best half peck of Okroe.	1	0	0
Mr. Wm. Dixon's, for best specimen of Rustic Vase for flowers, to place upon a lawn.	1	0	0



The following Special Prizes are offered open to the
 Province
 Mr. J. Buchanan for the best collection of seeds.
 Mr. Holton for the best variety of Pears named.
 not less than 5 kinds and 7 of each kind.