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TRANSACTIONS  
OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY,  
FOR  
THE YEAR 1837—8,  
WITH  
PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS.

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# R E P O R T

OF THE

EFFORTS OF HORTICULTURE BY THE SOCIETY

FOR 1837-8.

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THE fast fading glories of vigorous vegetation, or the yet lingering tokens of autumnal splendor, o'er forest and hill-side, in the parterre and flower border, are reminding us of a season of unusual character, as regards a tardy spring, an almost tropical summer, and a mild, warm and bland autumn. Scarcely had the last tones of a voice\* eloquent on antiquarian research, which recounted from the brief and scattered notes of history, the successful efforts of horticultural skill on an untamed soil, two hundred years ago, died in our ears, than we were again reminded by the united offerings of Flora and Pomona, of renewed efforts and acquired triumphs in the field of our own industry. Meagre as may seem to us the effects of such enterprise, the vista opens to us objects of interest as connected with the culture of the soil. On the very sites where whilom grew the native and introduced fruits of New England industry, are now gardens and orchards, vineyards and green-houses, the ever-green glades of rural enterprise or the renovated forests of arboricultural skill. On a soil once enfeebled by negligent culture or from a lack of knowledge of the laws of vegetation, in the immediate vicinity of Plymouth Bay may be yearly seen in the gardens of the amateur and florists the gorgeous products of other climes, or in its orchards the luscious high top sweeting apple which, as has been suggested, perhaps

\* See Ninth Anniversary Address by William Lincoln, Esq

owes its origin to an English climate, introduced at an early period into the colony, and scarcely straying out of the precincts of the county. Profusely scattered over hill-top and under pine shades, or bedecking the transparent borders of fairy lakes, are native flowers too, of rare occurrence, whose prototypes perchance gladdened the eyes of the pilgrims as does their vernal or æstival blossoms now, those of their descendants ; plants of great interest and gradually introducing themselves into culture. The light, warm soil of Nantucket, productive of little else than a depauperated growth of oak, has been rendered the subject of horticultural skill, with whose choice products of the vine under green-house culture, few other districts can compare. Family tradition has given to Salem a venerable relic yet in comparative vigor of growth—perhaps the first imported English pear, (in the garden of Endicott,) while not only the fruit list, but even the flower catalogue, will mark that its soil has not degenerated in the produce of Horticultural Science. The bold and rugged promontory of Nahant, washed by the perpetual spray of the ocean, is already blooming with sheltered flower borders, and destined to be again covered with some hardy tenant of forest growth.\*

A view thus retrospective, even in the extended vista of two centuries, and over an area so thrilling with mementos of olden times cannot be without practical benefit. Little remains to us of the original features of such times, save here and there a traditionary and revered relic, a few hoary and moss grown trunks of the primitive forest, or the enduring, never changing feature of geological formation ; yet the thought that other flowers and fairer fruits have been introduced and naturalized, to add wealth and the comforts to existence, not only to our day and generation, but to those who will succeed ; that the asperities of an almost boreal clime, and the harshness of a rude soil have been overcome, that each year

\* See notes.

is bringing something new and still more rare and valuable—should incite to greater efforts and constant improvement.

So progressive and rapid are the present advances of Horticulture, aided by the co-operation of its kindred studies, that the annual festival of a Society reminds the observer of new facts and important acquisitions. It has therefore been deemed advisable, that the review of the past year, be instituted ; and whatever facts have transpired, or suggestions made, be furnished as the Annals of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. In order to insure the success of this first effort to publish a condensed view of its Acts in every department of flower and fruit, a committee has been judiciously appointed, whose interest in each portion of horticultural skill, will be able to effect the purpose. By the co-operation of this Committee the following is offered :

1. The Open Flower Garden.
2. The Green-house and Stove.
3. The Nursery and Fruit Department.
4. The Vegetable Department.
5. The Native Flora and its Culture.
6. Remarks and Notices.
7. Weekly Exhibitions.
8. Annual Festival.

#### 1. THE OPEN FLOWER GARDEN.

Pre-eminent in interest at the present time, and rivalling in beauty of contour the queenly rose, the Dahlia of Mexico claims our early notice. Notwithstanding so much has been said and written on this superb production of Flora under its countless varieties, touching its history, culture, and numerous topics connected with it, yet not a season has transpired without producing to the amateur florist or to the general naturalist, something new or peculiar. From two or three comparatively insignificant varieties of two supposed species

more cultivated in France, than in England, (the flower garden of Europe,) in the space of less than half a century, have sprung under the fostering and ingenious hand of Floricultural Art, varieties and sub-varieties vieing each year with each other in elegance of contour, delicacy of petal or transcendant tint and dye. Not a little remarkable the fact, that a plant so liable to sport, that often a proportion of one to five thousand gives the chance of a flower capable of standing the severe test of merit and taste, should have called into the field of enterprise so many competitors for the rearing of a fine variety ! But when on reflection it is perceived with what precision the very laws of vegetable organization are rendered subservient to the demand and artificial taste of the florist, he expecting of Nature an implicit obedience, regulating the curvature of a flower, the expansion of the lamina of its petals, the convexity of its disk, the fulness of its form, shading with ruby or purple a golden or ivory floret or deepening its color, that its crystalline and pulpy granules may reflect some ever changing hue — when such results are to be anticipated, we can appreciate the zeal and patience, which such efforts develope.

The Dahlia for the past season has succeeded less in display of flowers than in any previous, for many years. The extreme heat of a summer such as has not been known for several years, has proved extremely unfavorable to inflorescence, and has deprived the autumn of its usual floral charms. Compared with the last, the annual Exhibition of the Society was meagre in display as regards this choice production and universal favorite. Whoever witnessed the profusion of blooms, which gave a dazzling brilliancy to the flower stands and to the very walls, must have been struck with the sensible deficiency of this season. New and choice varieties, imported by the ever active zeal and enterprise of those forward in the introduction of fine and new plants, failed to produce flowers, of which many were anticipating a gratified inspec-

tion. From the experience of several previous cool summers exuberant in these floral gems, and from their universal dearth amidst the bright sunny days of an almost unclouded sky, it would appear, that the several varieties even under the effect of partial acclimation and a long absence from a native habitat, have lost none of the peculiarities of constitution, with which a high and humid region had endowed the original species. Some of the finest flowers on the Society's tables, were produced, as we understand, by a constant and profusive syringing over the foliage and tops, evidently an accidental imitation of the natural temperature; while other plants copiously supplied with water daily, at the roots, shared the same common fate in a depauperation or total absence of bloom. Facts like these should serve as valuable hints, if not for practice, at least for further experiment, and we feel assured that on the minds of the investigating and studious they will not be lost.

Summers, of great heat, are favorable to the insect race. The past has been a striking instance. Myriads of those minute foes, from the various species of Caterpillar to the almost invisible fly of every genus, have ravaged equally our gardens and fields. Each year introduces a new species, or developes a new instinct in some well known species, rendering its ravages more deleterious or difficult of evasion. The Dahlia has not escaped: but some insidious insect has blighted the hope of the cultivator, or some new form of disease has been traced to the silent depredations of an unseen foe. In one instance, falling under our observation, no less than four or five distinct larvæ of moths, better known as Caterpillars, have rendered assiduity necessary to preserve a luxuriant foliage, so essential to the vigor and health of the plant, while leading shoots and expectant buds have been prematurely ruined. Such discouragements are inevitable and to be expected, until some project can be devised for extirpation or insurance against their presence. Undoubtedly a

better and wider diffused knowledge of the exact species, and a studious investigation of their habits, might enable the florist to resist such vexing inroads on his time and labor. The gladsome visitants of spring, and the familiar denizens of our gardens, in the several kinds of insect-eating birds, should be made the welcome inmates and guests of our lawns, parterres, and orchards; nor should indiscriminate warfare be urged on all insects, as not a few are in turn, carnivorous in their propensities, and devouring the more obtrusive and offensive. A peculiarly destructive insect has been so abundant the past season, as to destroy not only the Dahlia, but even choicer sorts of asters, zinnias and the like. It were desirable that specimens of every such foe could be collected and preserved for the Society's inspection, in order for their better recognizance. Every gardener and florist, every cultivator and amateur, could furnish information, falling under his notice, of decided utility and practical value.

On recurrence to the report of the Committee on Flowers, we find that for two successive weeks, after the Annual Festival of 1837, very superior varieties and exquisite specimens of Dahlias were exhibited by several growers and florists. The last display was on the seventh of October, soon after which, a frost of sufficient severity, destroyed the floral offering of autumn.

The advertising sheet of the Magazine of Horticulture, for April 1833, conducted by C. M. Hovey, of the firm of Messrs Hovey & Co., furnishes a list of twentytwo new varieties, raised in England, and offered for sale. Of these, many were highly commended in the English floricultural publications, as standard flowers of exceeding merit and great perfection. Other individuals had possessed themselves of some of these and of other new, superb varieties; thus attesting, by their prospective provision, a laudable zeal in the introduction into our own culture, of the most perfect of

this flower. From June 30th, we perceive the Dahlia had been exhibited, at each weekly display, with greater or less perfection, by the several members of the Society, until the recurrence of the Annual Festival, on the 19th, 20th, 21st of September, when, among the rich productions of each department of gardening, this exquisite plant was represented, if not in numbers, yet in considerable perfection. Subjoined, in its proper place, will be found the detailed account of that meeting, to which we refer our readers. We cannot, however, close the present notice on this head without adverting to an incident, by way of encouragement to Dahlia growers. A box of eighteen seedlings was forwarded from Billerica, by Mr Gardener Parker, of which the proprietor of the New England Farmer thus speaks: "Six varieties are very good, and two extra fine. One, the Village Belle, is a fine white flower very delicately tipped with purple. Another variety we named the Billerica Rival will pass for a superb flower. It is large, fine shaped cupped petals, and of a fine rosy crimson. A third flower resembles Newick Rival, is named the Beauty of Middlesex."—(N. E. Farmer, Vol. xvii. No. 14, p. 110.) It cannot be presumed, however, that these flowers would bear the same severe criticism which is applied to first rate flowers, yet the result of such an experiment may be deemed an important one.

The universal favorite of the garden, so easily improvable by culture, so ornamental in its every form, and useful to the household economy, the rose next claims our attention. Disseminated over almost every portion of the temperate zones of the globe, or rendered a denizen of every garden, its varieties have become as numerous as taste could dictate or ingenuity devise. Particularly regarded as the flower of June, still it loses none of its charms, when rendered a conspicuous ornament, in earlier or later months. Several new and superb sorts have been noticed, in the collections of the

curious, during the past year. Some distinct and original species too, in all their unadorned simplicity, seem to be gaining admirers. The choice productions of the French cultivators are not uncommon among us. The finer and more superb Tea Scented Chinese are attracting favor. The method of budding on stronger growing kinds those of more difficult culture, has been crowned with signal success. Many new varieties have been originated in the neighborhood of the cities of New York and Philadelphia, which, though they do not particularly fall under the subject of our remarks, yet may serve as encouraging hints to growers and florists among ourselves. Certain we are, that many good seedlings are raised in this immediate vicinity, which do not meet the public eye, and perhaps, would escape notice, but for some casual admirer. The process of vegetation, it has been long proved, is not so tardy as has been supposed, and by cross impregnation, some choice results might be looked for. What the Noisettes of France have done in one section of rose culture, our own florists can accomplish in another. Our native species claim some attention, and a double variety of the lovely *Rosa rubifolia*, would repay the trouble of a thousand experiments. A single plant of this Southern species is before our mind's eye, whose exquisite gems of flowers riveted our attention. A not unapt synonyme might be, the American Multiflora. Perfectly hardy and of most luxuriant habit it is admirably suited to out-door culture, and may prove a dangerous rival to the purple Noisette or the showy Boursault. Another climber of great beauty, is the Double Ayrshire, Syn. *Eriophylla*, whose odor is slightly tea-scented, and whose snowy inflorescence, is universally admired. Fine specimens of this, of great size, have fallen under our cognizance the past season.

We observed, with much pleasure, the successful treatment of one species heretofore shy in flowering, *Rosa microphylla*, which turned out into the open border last year, stood the

winter unharmed, and after making a fine growth, flowered abundantly. The size and fulness of blossom, its delicate color and crimped petal, although devoid of fragrance, will restore to favor this singular and unique production. Impatient of the restraint of the pot, greater latitude for root and moresubsistence from out-door cultivation seem essential. This latter fact has also been noticed by one of the popular magazines of Horticulture.

For many years the old double yellow, (*Rosa sulphurea*, fl. pl.) was considered of great merit and a triumph of floral art. A comparatively recent variety of *Rosa spinosissima*, (the Harrison's double yellow,) has completely usurped its place and not without good reasons. Budded on tall stocks after the manner of tree roses, it forms an elegant and showy head of golden flowers. Perhaps a similar treatment may restore to favor the *Rosa sulphurea*, venerable in the annals of Floriculture for cultivation, during a period of more than two hundred years.

Very fine collections of the rose in its numerous forms, it is well known, are in the possession of many members of the Society. The following are the prizes gained by the contributors to this branch of culture, viz :

M. P. Wilder, the prize of five dollars for the best display, and for the best twentyfour blooms, the prize of three dollars.

A. Aspinwall, the prize of two dollars for the best twelve blooms.

S. R. Johnson, the prize of three dollars for the best twelve blooms of Chinese and other tender varieties.

We have understood that Messrs Winships at their gardens and nurseries, in Brighton, have raised seedlings, of which great promise of good kinds may be anticipated for the next year.

In the culture of the Tulip, Samuel Walker, "Chairman of the Committee on Flowers, &c.," must take the precedence. On the 29th of May, 1838, his second annual exhibition of this superb garden flower, took place and was continued for ten days. By the addition of upwards of forty new varieties to his show bed, the splendor of this year's exhibition was greatly enhanced. Allusion has already been made to this display in many of the public prints. A few of the finer varieties are subjoined.

*Rosa.* — Rose Blanca, Madame Vestris, Domingo, Rose Ephemene, Triomphe Royale, Thalestris.

*Bibloems.* — Ambassador d'Holland, Roi de Siam, Violet, Alexander, Incomparable d'Holland, Bugby's Queen, Louis XVI.

*Bizarres.* — Lord Duncan, Earl St. Vincent, Cicero, Wildbore's Golden Fleece, Sir J. Moore, Sir Francis Burdett, Neal's Captain Marryatt, Polyphemus, &c.

The taste, beauty and perfection of culture displayed by this gentleman, seem to bid fair in raising among us the Tulip to that standard of merit, which it has formerly held in Europe. To those who have had the pleasure of attending these floral fetes, any further remarks in this section were superfluous. It is to be anticipated that greater and wider attention will be paid among florists, to this superlatively fine plant, encouraged by the success so signally manifested in this instance.

Next in relative importance as a floral gem, in open culture, is the Hyacinth, among whose double and superb varieties, can scarcely be recognized the prototype of *Hyacinthus orientalis* of the East. The annual importations of the choicer varieties, and of good, merchantable quality by two or three Florists and Seedsmen in Boston, have greatly improved the character of this kind of floriculture, in this

vicinity. Instead of meagre and impoverished specimens, those, which might be co-rivals with those of Belgian culture, are not unfrequently observed. The peculiarity of cultivation in the produce of first rate bulbs, seems yet a secret in this country. Series of experiments should be instituted to the attainment of this important end. Science aided by skill and perseverance will undoubtedly overcome every obstacle, and the present deficiency of knowledge on this point should be sufficient incitement for continued trial. It has been our good fortune to repeatedly meet with very choice specimens in pots, and during the past year to visit the large bed, when in its full splendor, under the culture of Messrs Hovey. To these florists, the lover and admirer of the hyacinth is in no small degree indebted, for valuable hints and experiments. Upwards of twenty named varieties were exhibited at the Society's Hall's on the 19th May, a few of which are subjoined.

*White.*—La Candeur, (single,) Gloria florum suprema, &c.

*Blue.*—L'Emperor, (single,) Lord Wellington, Habit Brilliant, Bonaparte, &c.

*Red and Rosy.*—La Ballaine, (single,) LaEclatante parfait, (single,) Mars, (single,) Compte de Coste, Bouquet tendre.

*Yellow.*—La Heroine, &c. &c.

A considerable increase of taste in favor of the Carnation and its co-species the Pink, has been manifested among florists. Dependent however on foreign seed and on foreign varieties, it necessarily requires great expense and much trouble to possess a good collection. Specimens exhibited at the Society's rooms have been uniformly of a high character. Several excellent collections have been already made and are in progress of further improvement. We would invite the attention of the lovers of these fine flowers to the

production of new varieties from seed of their own raising. We suspect that by proper pains, and by the use of means well known to florists, well ripened seed may be procured. Fortunate in this respect in one instance, and that the first trial, we have reason to anticipate a tolerable degree of success in subsequent efforts. Another favorable instance was offered to our notice in the production of several seedlings, which, however, will not show flower until the next season. Artificial impregnation and the removal of the superfluous petals, will cause the germ to swell and perfect its seed. By these means, also, the chance of good crossed flowers is increased. The Society's prizes for the current year were awarded in the following order, viz :

To Messrs Winship, Brighton, for the best display, a premium of five dollars.

To T. Mason, Charlestown, for the best six specimen blooms, a premium of three dollars.

To W. Meller, Roxbury, for the best seedling, a premium of three dollars.

The finest *pinks* we have ever seen are in the possession of Mr Walker, Roxbury, with some seedlings of his own ; and have been frequently offered for exhibition. Indeed to him may be accredited the first successful efforts in their introduction. It has been his aim to extend the culture of these favorites. To Mr Meller, however, belongs the merit of the first attempt at a public show of the pink, in his garden in Roxbury, during the past year. He has raised several seedlings of value, from imported seed. These were offered for sale, last spring. Thirtytwo seedling varieties, embracing the purple and red laced, black, and white, and red, and white star, were designated in his advertisements. A few of the number were considered very fine.

Till within a very few years we have been ignorant of the humble beauties of the Pansey, the varieties of two distinct

species are now considered important items in our flower borders. Whoever is in the least degree conversant with these floral gems, must have noticed a great difference in size of flower and also of foliage. The three colored Violet (*Viola tricolor*) possesses a fragrance, while the finer Pansies originating from *Viola Grandiflora* are destitute of this pleasing character. The former, though nearly banished from the garden to make way for the latter, will still retain its favor with the general cultivator. Capable of great improvement by culture and by the selection of good seed, its more hardy constitution and delicate fragrance will not be soon overlooked. Very dark purple flowers, with a golden eye, of great attraction, we have heretofore noticed in several collections. To the latter species we were introduced through the old purple and old white, and subsequently through a fine hybrid between these two, from the seed-bed of William E. Carter at the Botanic Garden. Within two or three years, the great flowering Pansies have been multiplied to a considerable extent. Superb varieties have been raised by several individuals, and exhibited by the Society. During the past year we have noticed from the large collection of S. Walker, the following of his seedlings on which much commendation has been bestowed.

A seedling of great beauty named Village Maid. A very dark variety called Othello. A new seedling, exhibited on the 20th December, 1837, called Victoria, considered one of the best ever raised by him. A very large number of seedlings of the present year, will be probably opened to public exhibition in the course of next spring. Should this occur, it will be considered a new and interesting feature in floriculture.

We believe, little or nothing has been attempted within the past year, in the cultivation of the Turkish *Ranunculus* and *Anemone*. The ordinary heat of our early summer weather

and the usual severity of our winters, preclude the possibility of much success.

We invite a moment's attention to the repeated flowering of that lovely Alpine plant of Europe, *Gentiana acaulis*. We have for several years noticed it, in rather feeble condition, at the Botanic Garden, giving occasional flowers, but under the management of Mr Walker and of the Messrs Hovey, it seems to thrive with vigor. Its comparative rarity in herbaceous collections, and its impatience of our temperature, have induced us to present its claims in this place, to rank among the choicer subjects of floricultural skill.

Two varieties and one species of *Phlox* have been added to the list of garden plants. Of the former a beautiful white has been raised by William E. Carter, and a hybrid seedling, of *P. paniculata*, by Joseph Breck, blooming late and of a good altitude of growth. Of the species (*P. Drummondii*), the first specimen was furnished by Mr Johnson of Charlestown, at the annual exhibition in 1837. This was the pale purple variety. Since that time this little annual has increased in quantity and favor. Extremely brilliant crimson varieties were raised from seed, direct from London, by T. Lee, Esq. at Jamaica Plains. Like its numerous co-species, it seems much inclined to depart in its colors of inflorescence from its original type, which is represented as rosy red. Of several varieties reared in Britain, six are considered choice, known as *venustum*, *formosum*, *pulchellum*, *bellissimum*, *speciosum*, *carnescens*. Cultivated with great facility by seed and by cuttings, there seem no good reasons why it should not become one of the most attractive flowers of the open border.

Nor devoid of similar interest, are the lovely *Petunias*, so lately employed in the embellishment of the parterre. Trained to light trellises or to other ornamental structures,

they present a constant and profuse bloom. We have seen several sorts planted in mixed clumps, producing a most happy effect. A seedling after the style of an edged auricula, has been raised by Messrs Hovey, which promises something unique in its kind. A lovely rose colored variety of *P. nyctaginiflora*, from an unknown source, has been met with in several collections. We anticipate great accessions to our floriculture in this universally admired flower.

To the genus *Verbena* one or two new species and several varieties have lately been added. For a long time *V. aubletia* was considered a flower of no ordinary interest. On the first acquaintance with *V. chamædrifolia*, favor seemed to lean towards it, as a decidedly new and valuable addition. Its intense brilliancy and humble habit, its strong inclination for hot and dry situations and constant inflorescence, commended it to general notice. Next came *V. Tweedieana*, claimed as a species, whose rosy-crimson heads of flowers and slight tendency to an upright growth were of much merit. Two distinctly colored sorts are found in this vicinity, both claiming the specific character. Another species, *V. Arraniana*, has been introduced, better suited to the more uniformly high temperature of the green-house. A seedling of a fine lilac color, from seed received from South America, under the culture of Messrs Hovey, has been published. With the present group of species and varieties obtainable, comprising nearly a dozen, the florist, may have at his command, the most desirable opportunity for display and effect. Masses of the several sorts, arranged with some reference to the most happy union of tints, would offer a spectacle scarcely inferior to any of the usual subjects of his care. Though diminutive in their habits, they may be considered not unapt or improper co-rivals of the showy *Salvias*, of which the rich crimson, *S. fulgens*, and the well known *S. splendens* (Mexican Sage,) are illustrious types.

Nor can we omit to mention a discovery of the past season, which will doubtless be improved. In two different instances, the lovely *Oxalis Bowiei*, produced superb clusters of flowers in the open border, for some weeks before the usual autumnal frosts. The first was the result of accident, in the springing up of a few bulbs among the sweepings and refuse of the green-house,—the latter was from the planting out of several in the course of the summer. With a little attention to this interesting fact, this beautiful species could be made a most pleasing addition to the open flower border.

To the elegant *Potentillæ*, we have noticed in several places, the addition of *P. Hopwoodiana*, *Antirrhinum pictum*, (an old but elegant plant under cultivation with a few,) and very lately the charming *Antirrhinum major*, *variety caryophylloides*, has come into repute, as a decided improvement in the style of these flowers. As a border flower for the summer, *Lantana Selowii*, has been raised by several, a fit companion for the new *Verbenæ*. A beautiful specimen was shown at the annual Exhibition, by T. Lee, Esq.

The first flowering of the *Nuttallia papaver* during the past year, in this vicinity, occurred at the green-house of Mr Towne, from young seedlings carefully brought by him from Philadelphia. One of these was presented to the Botanic Garden, where, under the care of William E. Carter, it has made vigorous progress. As an interesting addition to the former species, it promises to become a favorite plant. Another new Californian plant from seed gathered by Mr Nuttall and raised by Mr Buist at Philadelphia, (*Diplaceus puniceus*,) flowered last spring with Mr Towne.

To interesting annuals, should be added the white variety of *Clarkia pulchella*, first shown by T. Lee, Esq. The peculiarity of color, should it prove constant, will cause it to

be preferred to the old and original species. Several others introduced among us within two or three years, are attracting much attention. Of these we mention *Nemophilla insignis*, which, when sown in patches, makes a fine appearance; and *Leptosiphon androsaceus* and *L. Densiflorus*, both elegant. Several sub-varieties of *Zinnia violacea*, *variety coccinea*, have been reared from seed, by Joseph Breck. *Nicotiana longiflora*, has flowered in several collections. A choice lot of dwarf double Stock Gilly-flowers, from T. Mason, have been observed.

## 2. THE GREEN-HOUSE AND STOVE.

Directing our attention to this part of our subject, we remark in passing, that several structures have lately been erected in the vicinity, evincing a decidedly growing spirit towards indoor culture of flowers and fruit. To the older and more familiar, our present observations must be confined. Indebted to the enterprise of several individuals, who for many years have been its distinguished patrons, Horticulture, in general, has been continually on the advance. Accordingly, neither pains nor expense have been spared to render as complete as possible, collections of particular merit. In floriculture, we shall have especial cause to speak on this point. The fruit department will be referred to in another division of our Report.

In that oriental and superb evergreen, (the co-species of the Tea,) *Camellia Japonica*, the green-houses in the neighborhood of Boston are particularly rich. Every choice variety, whether of foreign or American origin, may probably be found among our amateur florists and salesmen. We hardly know how to refer to these extensive private collections, so numerous are they, and so universal the taste in the possession of the finest kinds. The superb one of Col. M.

P. Wilder, Dorchester, is familiar to the public. Very large plants of old Double White and Lady Hume's Blush meet the eye. Several new varieties flowered, during the past winter, for the first time among us. An importation of twentyone of the newest varieties from China, England, Germany, Belgium, Italy, within the year, comprises many of extraordinary value and merit. On a very small specimen of *C. variety* "King," if we mistake not, a flower bud had formed. So great a proportion of the entire collection of plants consists of these triumphs of floriculture, that the proprietor is enabled to bring them into any degree of perfection.

The collection of S. Sweetser, Cambridgeport, is of great merit, in this department. A similar observation may be made respecting the sale collection of Messrs Hovey, while smaller collections of the choicer or more saleable varieties are to be met with in almost every green-house of private use or of public trade. The finest and probably the oldest plant of the original species, better known as the Single Red, may be seen at the Botanic Garden, planted by Prof. Peck. Rendered comparatively insignificant in the eyes of the amateur florist, by the improvements in the double varieties, yet to the botanist and to the lover of simple and native beauty, it will present attractive merit.

Seedling Camellias are by no means rare, and many of these, from impregnated plants. From the numerous instances among us we may anticipate, at some future time, valuable specimens.

Next to the Camellia, and not dissimilar in many traits of cultivation, is the princely Rhododendron, whose daring hardihood and gorgeous flowers have, within a few years, gained it many admirers. Natives of almost every clime, we see in the swamps of New England, evergreen and deciduous species, of great beauty, and rivals of those from China or Nepal. With these original species, the hand of

the florists has been busily employed, and as a recompense for patience and skill, the most superb varieties have been obtained. Exceedingly valuable collections are common among us. We accordingly, in a brief manner, notice under green-house cultivation, the instances of *Rhododendrons* and *Azaleas*, (the latter have been comprehended under the generic distinction of the former by botanists,) in the possession of M. P. Wilder, a hundred or more, some of great rareness,—of S. Sweetser, upwards of an hundred: and numerous others, which have not come under our observation. A gorgeous plant of *R. hybridum*, belonging to the former individual, exhibited nearly one hundred flower buds. Another fine plant of the same, in the green-house of T. Mason, displayed fifty heads of flowers. At the conversatory of J. P. Cushing, Watertown, a noble plant of *R. arboreum* produced nearly seventy trusses of bloom.

Those anomalous and leafless vegetables the *Cactææ* have many representatives of their several genera and species. Of these we mention a fine group belonging to S. Sweetser, considered the most complete, besides others of extent in the possession of Col. Wilder, of the Messrs Putnam, of J. P. Cushing, at the Botanic Garden and elsewhere. Rarer kinds are met with, in almost every structure for plants. Generally of easy growth, (though a few need the stove) and of magnificent appearance in bloom, they have become extensively cultivated. Twice within the past year has the *Cactus Triangularis* flowered, one specimen at J. P. Cushing's, under the management of D. Haggerston, and another in the possession of J. W. Boot, Boston. Of rare occurrence, these instances are worthy of note. *Echinocactus Eyriesii*, has flowered in many collections. A plant belonging to Mr. Leathe of Cambridgeport, gave three or four flowers. *Cereus phyllanthoides*, has been considered unworthy of further culture by Mr. Haggerston, by whom it has been bloomed.

Cacti, to the number of twenty or more, were brought from the West Indies, last spring by the Hon. John Lowell, in whose green-house we had the pleasure of seeing them. Some of these are new and interesting. From an examination of these, with others already familiar, through the kindness of this gentleman, we have reasons to think that great confusion exists among the species usually cultivated. The attention of the botanist should be directed to this subject, that the undoubted liability to error among florists in synonymes, should be lessened. With such opportunities, as are afforded by the existence of so many groups of varieties and species among us, we deem the point an important one.

To the admirers of the Cape Heaths, we take great pleasure in referring to the extensive and beautiful representatives of that family, belonging to Mr Towne,—while the well grown plants of Col. Wilder, under Mr Donald's culture will not be overlooked. For other and numerous sale collections, we refer to the usual advertisements of Horticultural publications. A specimen of *Erica baccans*, between five and six feet high, with several other species of beauty, we find mentioned as particularly good, in the green-house of J. D. W. Williams. For many years William E. Carter of the Botanic Garden, took the lead in these plants. From the assiduity and discrimination of Mr Towne, however, we expect great benefit in detecting and exposing incorrect synonymes, and reducing to order the list of species. He has already rejected not a few from his list, and will show no favor to any others, of which he is confident of mistaken nomenclature. His published list, kindly furnished, through the pages of the Magazine of Botany, gives a group of eightyfour distinct sorts.

The taste of the geraniums (*Pelargonium* sp:) has been uniformly the same for several years past. Each season brings into cultivation many new, choice, and superb varie-

ties. Cross impregnation and the seed have rendered the chances for elegant sorts comparatively easy. Besides the numerous and brilliant series of blossom from different kinds of the green-houses of the city and its immediate suburbs, we understand that the specimens offered by E. Hersey Derby, Esq., from the culture of Mr. Willott, were considered by good judges as excellent and well grown. The first display in this flower, made by the Society, occurred on the 28th April, 1838, as follows.

*Exhibited* by M. P. Wilder, about twenty pots, with three or four seedlings of his own.

————— by Wm. Meller, four or five varieties in pots.

————— by T. Mason, cut flowers of various geraniums.

Some of Mr. Wilder's seedlings were pronounced worthy of names and of being introduced to general culture.

The visitors to the exhibition were numerous, and much interest was manifested.

Having thus briefly taken cognizance of the most brilliant and attractive features in the floriculture of our green-houses and stoves, we pass to plants of rarer occurrence and of later observation. Of these we may be reminded of the accession of many of the more curious tropical orchideæ. A dozen or more species may be found at Mr. Wilder's, some of the finest of which, have flowered. Ninetyseven expanded blossoms, supported on a peduncle twentyseven inches in length, appeared on *Oncidium flexuosum*, and was exhibited a year since. This plant showed no inclination to flower during the past season ; but a rarer and more curious species, produced a superb inflorescence, viz. *Stanhopea insignis*, exciting universal admiration. Next to this, the lately collected series of Hon. John Lowell, should be borne in mind ; nor infrequent in stoves, are to be met with, several kinds.

The magnificence of the Amaryllideæ, has not been forgotten by the amateur and florist. *Crinum amabile* may be

frequently seen. The lovely *Passiflora Kermesina*, and *P. phœnicea*, not unlike *P. alata*, and a dangerous rival, have both flowered with great profusion, in the conservatory of J. P. Cushing. We noticed at the same place, the best grown *Dionæa muscipula*, under the management of Mr. Haggerston. This most interesting American plant deserves more regard than it obtains, and in a humid atmosphere, under the temperature of the stove, it rewards the exertion of the gardener. *Tropæolum tuberosum* had been added, a plant which promises great results in out-door culture. We also saw *Primula cortusoides*, of rare occurrence.

Some attention has been directed to the *Calceolaria*, and beautiful seedling varieties are common. The new and truly elegant *Clematis Sieboldii*, flowered at Mr Lowell's, last summer. *Enkianthus quinqueflorus*, has blossomed for several seasons with Col. T. H. Perkins. The foreign *Magnolias* are numerous. The lovely *Portulaca Gilliesii*, it has been ascertained, does best as a border plant in a situation exposed to great heat. Some of the finer tree *Pæonies*, have given superb inflorescence. We mention a single instance by way of illustration, of a plant of *Pæonia papaveracea var. Banksiæ*, in the possession of S. Sweetser, bearing at once, upwards of fifteen flowers, some of which were eight inches in diameter. In the green-house of Mr Pratt, Oakley Place, under the care of Mr McLellan, *Wistaria Consequana*, produced thirty or more racemes of flowers, probably the first full grown plant, which has flowered in this vicinity. Singular as it may seem, this creeper is perfectly hardy in the valley of the Hudson, and the writer has had the pleasure of seeing its blossoms, in the open air, during the past spring.

We deem it due to the efforts of Mr Towne, to add the following new and valuable plants lately introduced into his successful culture. A collection so select and always in the advance of the march of floriculture, cannot be too highly commended.

*Crocea saligna*, a rose colored flowering plant of upright habit, and attractive.

*Elichrysum proliferum*, singular foliage and brilliant, persistent flowers. *Jacksonia scoparia*, (New Holland.) *Hovea purpurea*. *Dillwynia multiflora*. *Platylobium formosum*. *Boronia serrulata*. *Eriostomum cuspidatum*. *Chironia linoides*. *Roellia ciliata*, of abundant bloom. *Pimelia decussata*, very fine. *P. rosea*. *Aotus villosus*, (rare.) *Chorizema Henchmanni*, very rare—imported by Mr Boott, and raised from cuttings by Mr T. Several of these with other plants of great beauty have already flowered in several instances for the first time, hereabouts.

Other rare and unique specimens are to be seen in the several plant structures, and there is no season, which does not bear evidence of the progress of this department.

We add with great satisfaction the flowering of *Alpinia nutans*, (*Globba nutans*,) so seldom seen in flower, brought to perfection and exhibited by Mr D. Haggerston, whose skill is so well known among cultivators.

### 3. THE NURSERY AND FRUIT DEPARTMENT.

I. On the first section of this item in the Report, our remarks must necessarily be few. The merits of the principal nurseries in the vicinity of Boston, are familiar to all. To the practical results of R. Manning, of Salem, Pomology is greatly indebted. Indefatigable in his efforts, and constant in his researches, we may expect from his labors a correct synonymy of fruits—and also many valuable items in the culture of the pear, to which his attention has been mainly directed. With the co-operation of Wm. Kenrick, of Newton, the new and valuable acquisitions in the Pear from the efforts of Van Mons of Belgium, are made familiar to the general cultivator. The nurseries of Mr Kenrick, keep pace with the wants of

the times. The efforts made by him in the introduction of the *Morus multicaulis*, an article so important in the silk culture, have been great in themselves, and honorable to his enterprise. The establishment of Messrs Winship, Brighton, has been considered the most perfect of the kind, north of Long Island. The collection of forest trees, for sale, is of a very high order. A hasty glance at the nursery of John A. Kenrick, revealed to us much of interest in trees and shrubs. Among the more common, native and foreign, were to be seen several of rarity. Of the elms, we were happy to find species, of which before, we had never seen specimens. The strong soil of the neighborhood seemed admirably adapted to a vigorous growth, both of deciduous and evergreen trees.

We could wish that the culture of our American forest trees from seed were more attended to, among our nurserymen. We suspect that the sale for younger specimens, would amply repay the trouble and expense of their sowing and care. In consequence of this striking deficiency in our cultivation, thousands of young seedlings, especially of the firs and larches and not a few of the oaks, are annually imported from England. There are no good reasons why the English oaks should be preferred to the American, nor would they be, were the facilities for procuring the latter, more attainable. Even these and indeed most of the foreign species of forest trees, could be introduced into our own nurseries by the seed, and afforded at a rate, which, while liberally repaying the effort and labor, would diminish foreign importation. Several hundred of young plants of the English white oak, are yearly raised in the private establishment of a patron of agriculture, from acorns, the produce of parent trees imported about thirty years since. We are aware that in several nurseries this system has been for some years adopted, but we could wish that it were more extensive. We deem it at least, an experiment worthy of trial.

The following notes on Pears and Apples, are furnished by Mr Manning.

*Pears*.—Dutchesse d'Angoulême has done finely as a standard, and produced during the summer an abundance of fruit.

Henry 4th may be considered superior.

Marie Louise, continues to hold its high character.

Buerré Duval, (new) recently fruited.

Hooper's Bilboa, very fine, beautiful and abundant bearer.

Louise Bonne of Jersey, very superior.

Alpha, fruited last year and also this, (new.)

Rostiezer, (new) fruited last year for the first time.

Petres, from Bartram Gardens, Philadelphia, fruited and very fine.

All the above under the culture of Mr Manning.

Hon. John Lowell exhibited

Queen Caroline, very fine.

Beurré Crapaud, very superior.

Beurré Spence, fine.

Beurré Bronze, (true) also exhibited by Mr Manning, under the incorrect names of Fourcroy and Figue of Naples, by which they were designated when received by him.

The Beurré d'Amaulis, exhibited by Samuel G. Perkins, Esq. was considered very superior.

*Apples*.—Mr Manning has raised the early red Margaret, new, and the best of the earlier sorts.

Pennock's red, very superior.

Murphy, raised in Salem, fruited for the first time eight or nine years since ; very fine.

Also thirty or more new varieties, good, but scarcely worthy of introduction.

## II.—FRUIT DEPARTMENT.

## a. UNDER GLASS.

This branch of horticulture is evidently on the advance. The demand for the finer and more tender fruits, encourages new efforts in its growth. Owing to the usual uncertainty of our summers, and the repeated failures in out-door crops of fruit, especially grapes, the attention of the market gardener has been directed to glazed houses, with or without flues, adapted to forcing, or to protection from frosts. The more valuable grapes have thus been produced in the richest abundance. In many instances, the green-house has been made to contribute its aid in the rearing of fruit as well as plants. We presume that the most extensive structures for sale fruit, will be found at the garden of William Mason, Charlestown. His ranges are principally without flues, and adapted to the grape, peach and nectarine. The tables of the weekly exhibitions, have attested to the success of his labors in this department. Dr J. C. Howard, Brookline, has proved that the "Miller Burgundy" deserves more notice than heretofore it has received, and should be treated as a tender kind, and cultivated with heat. With such a process he has raised fruit of a superior quality ; so fine indeed, as to cause its identity to be doubted by cultivators and amateurs, until decided from certain peculiar data, by an individual, to whom it was well known for many years previous. This fact may prove a valuable one with the growers of the vine. Others, however, think that it may be the "Large Black Cluster." A new series of forcing-houses, under the care of Mr McCullough, have been erected at Mount Washington, South Boston, which will be devoted to grapes and similar produce.

The culture of the pine apple has been progressive. The efforts of J. P. Cushing are already known. Structures for their growth have been erected by Hon. T. H. Perkins,

and very healthy plants we noticed in the stove of Hon. John Lowell.

b. IN THE OPEN AIR.

The best specimens of the Peach and Plum, whether as standards or on espaliers, will be found in the neighborhood of Boston. The past summer, has proved more favorable to the former fruit, than many preceding. Some few particular kinds were very fine.

Plums have been very subject to rot during the summer. The curculio (*Rhynehænus, nenuphar, Herbst.*) has not diminished in numbers, and its ravages caused the usual dropping of much fruit. The Green Gage has been thought to have succeeded best of any variety, and is by far the most profitable. Coe's Golden Drop is highly recommended for a late fruit. The experience of a celebrated cultivator, who furnishes us with these memoranda, has been with regard to Prince's Imperial Gage, that it is apt to decay on the tree. The following, new and just fruited by him, are furnished by R. Manning.

Red Apricot Plum, (New Edition, Du' Hamel.)

Huling's Superb, very fine, large ; fruited for the first time.

Morocco, early, very delicious ; fruited for the first time.

Duane's Purple French, fine, and free from rot.

We subjoin the following description, furnished by J. M. Ives, of a new Seedling Cherry, the finest of many sown and raised in the year 1821, by Mr R. Manning.

“Manning's Fine Red” fruit, medium size, sweet and good ; flesh firm, and of a fine sprightly flavor ; leaves very large, hiding the fruit ; a great bearer ; ripens in the middle of July.”

Messrs Mason of Charlestown, and J. L. L. F. Warren of Brighton, are celebrated for exhibiting fine Strawberries, grown at their gardens. Mr Mason cultivates the Raspberry extensively, and has succeeded in raising a seedling, known

as the "Grape Raspberry," from its prolific character as a bearer.

#### 4. VEGETABLE DEPARTMENT.

We are not aware that any important additions have been made within the past year, to this branch of horticultural industry. A summer of very high temperature, like the past, was found favorable to the growth of the squash, pumpkin, and melon. Extraordinary specimens of the two former, were exhibited at the Anniversary, of which an account will be found in the Report of the Exhibition. We regret to see in several instances, however, a careless way of raising varieties, from suffering those of superior and inferior qualities to grow in contiguity. The best varieties are thus extinguished in a few generations. This practice will, however, be retained so long as size is preferred to flavor.

The Rohan potato seems to be considered a variety of some merit, introduced from France, and lately submitted to culture in this country.

An instance of the culture of the mushroom, is in the greenhouse of J. D. W. Williams, Roxbury, in a pit employed for the simultaneous growth of this rarely cultivated vegetable, and of lettuces. The experiment was successful, and no doubt, could be readily imitated. He has practised the forcing of rhubarb in pots, as an early crop, for two years past.

#### 5. NATIVE FLORA.

Although this branch of floriculture is not so much on the advance as we could wish, yet it is evident that a taste for the more beautiful or curious productions of the New England flora is gaining ground. The example, which for so many years, has been set by T. Lee, Esq., Jamaica Plains, will without doubt exert its influence on the public. Speci-

mens of New England forest trees, may be here found in the lawns and woods ; and copses of our flowering shrubs introduced with pleasing effect. Beside the native flowers of a spontaneous growth carefully preserved and from this circumstance brilliantly covering the ground appropriated, the rarer and more delicate have been introduced with sedulous care. The showy orchideæ succeed well. Each year adds something new, by transplanting or by seed. Not discouraged by failures, repeated experiments have crowned with unexpected success the efforts in the exposed growth of the *Rhododendron*, *Kalmia*, *Azalea*, &c. &c. Such instances of vigorous growth in *Rhododendron Maximum*, are seldom seen. *Kalmias* of profuse inflorescence and of different colors cover the ground in large patches. The past season has enabled the *Rhododendron* and *Azalea* to produce a great quantity of buds. In close proximity may be found *Laurus Benzoin*, whose fragrant blossoms in early spring are perfuming the air, and the Mystic Witch Hazel, whose golden fringes, are the last mementos of the dying epoch of annual vegetation. Nor are these fine native shrubs unrepresented by foreign co-species, found capable of enduring our climate. To the botanist we scarcely know of a spot so interesting in the choice grouping of fine plants. We could wish that such efforts in picturesque gardening were more frequent. The winding paths amid the forest trees beneath which are the more delicate or hardier flowers, which otherwise deny their presence to the pleasure ground,—the rude rock in whose crevices are growing the feathery fern, and on whose sides the perennial moss,—the delicious perfume of the *Clethra* mingled with the odor of the *Azalea*—the snowy or roseate corols of the Broad-leaved Laurel, and the superb heads of the *Rhododendron Maximum*, the northern *Magnolia* and its southern sister species—flower, shrub, tree, lawn, hill and dale, in happy unison, from the co-operation of Nature and Art—these we conceive to be worthy of attention in the

cause of Horticultural pursuits, in a department hitherto too much overlooked.

In the grounds of John A. Kenrick, Newton, we saw one hundred plants of *Rhododendron Maximum*, in a most healthy state, under a north wall, and seemingly in a condition for successful growth. Azaleas of various varieties were doing well in a similar exposure. *Magnolia glauca* and *M. longifolia* in good condition. *M. conspicua*, though a Chinese species, is incidentally mentioned in this connection, as flowering well in the open border, by a slight protection in winter.

J. W. Russell, Superintendent at Mount Auburn, we are happy to state, has succeeded in introducing to the grounds of the Cemetery some of the more beautiful native flowers, hitherto found impatient of culture. We mention particularly *Epigæa repens*, whose deliciously scented gems are among the first harbingers of spring.

Gentians, Lobelias, and a few other showy flowers are not unfrequently met with in cultivation among amateur florists. J. E. Teschemacher has created not a little interest in behalf of several plants, viz. *Trillium* and its species, *Gerardia*, &c. Some of the native liliaceous flowers are attended to, as *Lilium superbum*, *Canadense*, *Philadelphicum*, *Erythronium Americanum*. Occasionally the rarer western flowers may be seen, as *Polemonium reptans* of lovely blue and of a creeping habit, and *Claytonia latifolia* and *Virginica*, the "Spring beauty." The *Polygalæ* and *Oxalises* offer beautiful objects for easy cultivation, while not a county in New England, which may not have its peculiar and rarer flowers, rivals of these from other climes.

#### 6. PUBLIC GARDEN.

Efforts have been making, during the past summer to establish a public Garden in the city of Boston, to consist of a choice collection of green-house and out-door plants, shrubs,

trees, &c. The plan may be considered good, and may promise after a few years, valuable to the cause of horticulture, and towards creating a taste for one of the most refined sources of recreation in society.

On the 30th May, 1838, a Society was formed in New York, styled the "Horticultural Association of the Valley of the Hudson," whose objects should be to promote the general cause of Horticulture and to diffuse a taste for rural improvements. The officers are of the first experience and of general science, from several counties of the State. Two meetings for exhibition are to be held in the year, in June and September or October, the former for smaller fruits and flowers, the latter for the hardier and usual fruits and productions of the season. Its first exhibition was held in the Halls of the Lyceum, New York, on September 27th.

#### 7. NEW PUBLICATIONS.

October 7, 1837. One hundred copies of Hoare's "Treatise on the Vine" were presented to the Society by the late G. W. Brimmer, Esq. This work has been considered of practical value in the culture of foreign varieties, and contains many excellent hints, deducible from experiments of several years.

Early in the spring of 1838, Manning's descriptive Catalogue, or "Book of Fruits," was published. Its intention being to give correct information respecting varieties, gathered from his own experience and study in this department of horticulture—the work will be found of value.

About the same time appeared a little work on gardening, and the cultivation of flowers, by E. Sayers. Its design seems to be to afford a cheap and easy guide to any one, whose taste leads them to this department of horticulture, and whose knowledge on the subject might be limited.

## 8. NECROLOGY.

Died, in Boston, on the evening of the 10th November, 1837, Thomas Green Fessenden, Esq., aged 65. Mr F. was for fifteen years the editor of the N. E. Farmer, and the compiler of several popular works on Agriculture and Horticulture. His amiable character and benevolent disposition caused him to be esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. As a patron and constant friend to Horticultural pursuits, the Society has met with a serious loss.

## FLOWERS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, &c.

*Presented at the Society's Halls, Tremont Row, Boston, from Sept. 30th, 1837, to the Tenth Anniversary, (Sept. 19th, 20th, 21st,) 1838.*

SEPTEMBER 30, 1837.

### F L O W E R S .

From S. Walker,—Dahlias, Zinnias, Verbena chamædrifolia, Gladiolus natalensis, and a variety of Pansies, among which were the following: Rainbow, Mrs Cushing, (new seedling and fine,) Napoleon, Othello, Vulcan and Clio; also fine bouquets. From S. Sweetser, variety of flowers. From T. Mason, fine bouquets. From Hovey & Co. superb Dahlias, among which were Princess Victoria, Marchioness of Tavistock, Mary Queen of Scots, Conqueror of Europe, Gem, Fisherton's Rival, (true) King Otho, &c. &c. &c. From D. M'Intyre, Dahlias, among others, Angelina, Glory, Gem, Queen of Scots, Ariel, Beauty of Dulwich, Juliet, &c. &c. From M. P. Wilder, a variety of Dahlias, among which were Sulphurea, Conqueror of Europe, Marquis of Northampton, Mary, Gem, Rainbow, &c. &c. From S. R. Johnson, Dahlias, viz. Angelina, Lady Fordwich, Red Rover, Queen Elizabeth, Clio, Rainbow, and others.

### F R U I T S , E T C .

*Pears.*—By Mr Manning, from his Garden in Dearborn Street, North Salem,—Cabot Pear, a new variety, raised by J. S. Cabot, of Salem, from the seed of the Brown Beurré, a brown fruit, of medium size, turbinate form, very beurré or melting, flavor delicious;—the tree a great bearer. Washington. Raymond, a very fine fruit. Epine D'Été.

By F. W. Bird, of Walpole,—Mogul Summer or Chelmsford ; specimens very large, the largest weighing 1 1-4 lbs. ; weight of the eight, 7 lbs. 10 oz., circumference of the largest 13 inches.

*Apples.*—By Jacob Pratt, of Sherburne,—Pratt's Fall Greening, a very large green fruit, a native of Sherburne, of a round form and a blush next the sun ; a noble cooking apple, juice of a lively acid ; compares well with the R. I. Greening and Monstrous Pippin.

*Peaches.*—By Mr Richards, from his Garden in Dedham,—Sargent Peach, and two varieties of Seedlings, one a yellow rareripe—large and fine.

*Plums.*—By Mr Pond, from his Garden in Cambridgeport,—Semiana, or Imperatrice Violette.

*Nectarines.*—By Thomas Mason, from his Garden in Charlestown,—Beautiful specimens.

*Grapes.*—By Mr Mason, of Charlestown,—Black Hamburg and White Chasselas, from his grape-house.

By S. R. Johnson, from his Garden in Charlestown,—Sweet water or White Chasselas. Also, White Frontignac, both the produce of open culture ; these, like all other fruits which Mr Johnson exhibits, were very fine. Also, Black Hamburg, very beautiful specimens. These were raised under glass. The glasses were opened about the first of April, sufficient only to give air, and have never been closed or removed since. These fine and perfect clusters have there grown and ripened well, with no other care or attention.

By William Kenrick,—Received of Mr John Carter, of the city of Richmond, Va.,—Catawba, fine, sweet and delicious. Herbemont's Madeira, a fine native fruit ; the bunches large and oblong, with large shoulders, and very compact ; the berries small, round, of a blue color, of a sweet, vinous and excellent flavor.

Norton's Virginia Seedling, a native fruit, bunches of medium size, oblong, and very compact; the berries, small, round, of a blue color; juice of a sweet, vinous, and delicious flavor. The vine bears almost extraordinary crops. Mr Carter, from his long experience, is persuaded that for the climate of America, this grape has no equal, either foreign or native, for its fine quality, for productiveness, and for wine. The wine made by him at his vineyard of this grape, is of the color of Port wine, and of most excellent flavor.

For the Committee,

WM. KENRICK, *Chairman.*

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OCTOBER 7, 1837.

F L O W E R S .

From Hovey & Co., Dahlias,—Princess Victoria, Queen of Scots, Mary, Conqueror of Europe. From S. R. Johnson,—a variety of Dahlias.

F R U I T S , E T C .

*Pears.*—By Mr Manning,—Remsen's Favorite, Buffum, Verte Longue or long green, St. Ghislain, Naumkeag, Belle Lucrative, juice abundant and very sweet and fine; Golden Beurré of Bilboa, Autumn Superb, Rousselette de Rheims, Beurré du Comte de Fresnel. The tree of this kind is remarkable for its beauty, but the fruit proves ordinary; Marie Louise, Bowdoin, a large round native fruit, the quality ordinary; Jalousie, Saunder's Beurré, this agrees well with Bergamotte D'Automme; Bon Chretien Fondante, this last must be wrong; the fruit small, and by no means Bon Chretien formed. Jackman's Melting, very oblong and conical, or somewhat Calabash formed, color dark red, melting, beurré, good flavored; this must be a local name.

*Apples.*—By Gamaliel Oliver, Esq. of Lynn,—Mammoth apples, a very large green cooking fruit.

By Jona. Warren of Weston,—American Nonpareil, Golden Harvey, a native seedling fruit, must be mis-named. A round dark red fruit, stained inside with red, of middle size and excellent flavor ; Porter apples, very fine.

*Nectarines*.—By Thomas Mason, from Charlestown, —Brugnon Nectarines, beautiful.

*Plums*.—By Mr Manning,—Quetche D'Italie or Italian Prune, a fine, large, oblong fruit of a black or dark blue color, flavor good. Coe's Golden Drop, the same fruit which was sent by Mr Knight, very large and delicious.

*Grapes*.—By Thomas Mason, of the Charlestown Vineyard,—Black Hamburgh, very fine.

By Samuel R. Johnson, from his Garden in Charlestown,—Black Hamburgh, very fine ; white Frontignac, fine. Also, white Chasselas, very fine, and the produce of open culture.

By William Kenrick,—Specimens of Grapes received of Mr John Carter, from his Vineyard in Richmond, Va. Norton's Virginia Seedling. Also, Herbemont's Madeira, described in a former report. Also, Catawba, from the same source, very sweet and fine.

*Wine*.—A bottle of Catawba wine from Mr Carter's Vineyard, was examined ; the quality good ; and also, another bottle of wine, from the same source, made from Norton's Virginia Seedling Grape, of a dark red or the color of Port wine or Claret. This wine was of a vinous and sufficiently astringent flavor, and was pronounced a superior wine.

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OCTOBER 14, 1837.

F R U I T S , E T C .

*Pears*.—By Wm. Oliver, Esq.—Columbian Virgalieu, from New York, fruit large and and fine, but hardly ripe.—This fine fruit will keep till January.

By Mr Downer,—Dix.

By Mr Grosvenor,—a pear, name unknown.

By Mr Manning,—Styrian, Henri IV., Beurré Knox, Marie Louise. Also Petre, a native of Bartram's Garden at Philadelphia. The tree is healthy, fruit of medium size, pear shaped, color yellow, partially covered with thin russet, flesh melting, juice sweet, a little musky, with a fine flavor ; the fruit uniformly fine.

By John Prince, Esq. Roxbury,—Marie Louise.

By Mr Davis, Plymouth,—Marie Louise, large specimens.

*Apples.*—By Jonathan Warren, of Weston,—Golden Harvey, so called, but wrongly named, a native ; Porter, and another fruit, a native, of a red color, large, with a sprightly acid.

By Mr Clapp, of South Reading,—Pippin, a large, pale, flat fruit, of excellent flavor.

By Mr Grosvenor,—A fruit from a French tree, must be the Pomme Noir ; small, round, flattened, of a shining dark color, almost black. The blackest apple we ever saw ; a beautiful and curious fruit.

*Grapes.*—Fine Grapes, source unknown, will be reported another day.

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OCTOBER 21, 1837.

F R U I T .

*Pears.*—From Mr Downer,—Urbaniste, very fine ; Knight's (Rhode Island) late seedling, medium size, not high flavored, but exceedingly sweet.

From Mr Manning,—Louise Bonne, (of Jersey,) not quite mature. They are considered by one of our most distinguished pomologists, first rate. Jalousie, very fine ; also, two distinct crop of William's Double bearing, (raised from the seed of the St. Germain,) of medium quality.

From Mr Payne, from the garden of Benj. Bussey, Esq., Summer street,—Minott, a well known variety.

*Apples.*—Pomme Neige or snow apples, a beautiful and high flavored fruit ; Brussels Pippin ; Quince apples ; very sprightly and good. Lyscom apples, a deservedly popular fruit.

From J. Lincoln, Hingham,—Seek-no-further apples, which fully sustained their good reputation.

From Joseph Balch, Esq.—Apples, (from trees imported from England,) not in eating, names unknown.

From ——— ———, Specimens of Philadelphia Pippins, very large and handsome.

From E. M. Richards,—Boxford or Towne Apples. Red Ingestrie apples and peaches, name unknown.

*Grapes.*—From Joseph Balch, Esq.—Large clusters of White Chasselas and Isabella Grapes, (open culture) equal to any exhibited this season.

From J. P. Davis, Esq.—Louisiana (native) Grapes, of considerable merit, raised by Mr Dane, Roxbury.

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OCTOBER 28, 1837.

F R U I T S .

*Pears.*—From Wm. Oliver, Esq., from his estate in Dorchester,—Wilkinson, fine.

From S. Pond, from his garden in Cambridgeport,—Beurré Diel, a fine specimen of this fine kind. By Mr Pond, from the garden of Royal Douglass, Esq.—Specimens of a large and very beautiful fruit, misnamed Golden Beurré, a breaking fruit.

By Mr Vose, President of the Society,—Wilkinson.

By Mr Walker,—English Autumn Bergamot, a good fruit.

By Jonathan D. Bradley, Esq. of Brattleboro', Vt.,—A beautiful and excellent fruit, evidently, and to all appearance, the old St. Michael, and perfectly fair.

By Mr Manning, from his Pomological Garden, Dearborn street, Salem,—Pope's Quaker, oblong and pyriform, cov-

ered with brown yellow russett, a good fruit and beurré ; about as good as Capsheaf. Styrian, a second rate fruit, and bears an abundant second crop. Bergamotte d'Automne, of Du'Hamel, a good fruit. Alpha, [Lond. Hort. Soc. Cat.] the first and only fruit. Cumberland. These two last were exhibited at a previous meeting. Also, a new pear from seed, by Joseph S. Cabot, of Salem ; a regular formed fruit below medium size, pear shaped, of the same form as the Epine d'Eté, or of the Jargonelle Epargne, of a yellow color, beurré and good, the tree an abundant bearer, Oct. Also, Endicott pear, a small wild fruit, from the Endicott tree.

By Dr Joel Burnett of Southboro',—Specimens of the fine fruit of the Burnett pear, so named by the Society in a former year for him. The specimens of this year were in length 3 inches by 2 1-2 inches in the transverse diameter, diminishing rather gradually towards the base, which is somewhat irregularly formed ; contracting and compressed near the summit, and tapering to the stalk, which is an inch long ; skin dull, yellowish green, covered with dull red on the side next the sun ; flesh melting and beurré, juice sweet, high flavored, aromatic, a little musky and excellent.

*Apples.*—By Samuel Phipps, Esq. of Dorchester,—Philadelphia Pippin ? so called—an enormous green fruit, not yet at maturity.

By Mr Manning, from the London Horticultural Society,—Some specimens of the first fruits.

William Kenrick offered for exhibition, a variety of fruits of the apple, received of Mr Eben Davis, of Webster, Mass., Dr Burnett of Southboro', and the Rev. Hezekiah Ramsdell, of West Thomson, Conn. Lyscom apple, received of Dr Burnett, a noble fruit ; large, round, regular form, covered with large broken stripes of pale red on a foundation of green ; the flesh tender, flavor aromatic and excellent ; sweet, with a just proportion of acid. Oct. Nov.

Mill apple, from Mr Peter Fay, of Southboro', large, round, irregular formed, of a dull red color; flesh tender, flavor fine, with a good and sufficient proportion of acid. Ripe in October and November.

Another large red striped fruit, received from Dr Burnett, will be reported on another occasion.

Yellow Gilliflower, from Mr Eden Davis, rather large, round, slightly ribbed or Calville formed; a clear straw color, flesh breaking; juice sweet, relieved by a pleasant acid, a beautiful and excellent fruit of superior flavor. Oct. Nov.

Miller apple from the same source, above medium size, slightly ribbed, inclining to red next the sun, greenish yellow in the shade, juice sweet, with a pleasant acid, of excellent flavor and highly esteemed where best known. Oct. Nov.

Much credit is due to the Rev. Mr Ramsdell for his exertions in collecting and forwarding specimens. His collection comprised many very superior varieties. We enumerate a seedling fruit, much resembling, in appearance, the Yellow Gilliflower before described, flavor good, but not equal to that variety, with a very lively acid, a beautiful fruit. Sweet Winter, a middle sized round fruit, pale red and faintly striped next the sun, green in the shade; sweet, with a slight acid; a very productive fruit, which keeps till May. White Sweet is properly "Tolman Sweeting," a fine yellow fruit, with a blush next the sun, encircled by two or three distinct black lines from summit to base; flesh breaking, relieved by a slight acid; valuable. Pomme Water, a very large and noted sweet fruit, fine for cooking, color green, with a faint blush; stalk very short and sunk deep; the tree bears abundantly. In eating in March. Tift sweeting, a well known and valuable winter fruit, but not handsome. American apple, a very uncommon large fruit for cooking, of tolerable flavor, keeps till January. A green apple without name, a pleasant fruit; also, Pomme Royal, a fruit of most delicious flavor:—has been noticed in former reports. Winter Green-

ing, a fruit of handsome size, and very fair, of a regular, round, or flattened form, with a remarkably long stalk ; color green, with a blush next the sun ; flesh breaking, juice sweet, relieved by a lively and somewhat astringent acid, and excellent flavor ; evidently a valuable fruit ; the tree an abundant bearer. Winter Chandler apple, a first rate winter fruit ; very large, round ; stalk large, very short, in a deep cavity ; the fruit covered for the most part, with dull red and stripes of red, particularly next the sun ; yellowish green in the shade ; flavor equal to the Baldwin, and of equal or superior size, but not quite so handsome ; a delicious fruit ; the tree bears well every year, and the fruit keeps till March.

Enfield Pearmain, a round, red fruit, of medium size and fine flavor ; a great bearer, and highly esteemed at Enfield in Connecticut, as a first rate winter fruit. Nichol's Sweet, rather large, and handsome, round, inclining to conical ; of a dull red color ; flesh breaking, and very sweet, and fine for baking ; the tree bears well, and the fruit keeps till June.

Ramsdell's Red Sweeting, a beautiful fruit, which we have so named for Mr Ramsdell—a name being wanting for this fine kind ; form conical or round ; over medium size ; color fine dark crimson, and covered with minute yellow points, and stripes of darker crimson next the sun ; the fruit on the tree is covered with a dense and beautiful blue bloom ; flesh fine and mellow, it sometimes cracks at maturity ; juice sweet and delicious ; the tree a great bearer every year ; one of the most beautiful and saleable of all fruits. October to January. Red Pumpkin Sweet, a beautiful fruit, bearing much resemblance to Ramsdell's Sweet, and about the same size ; covered with fine dark crimson, and darker crimson stripes and minute black points ; flesh fine and mellow ; juice sweet and delicious. The tree is stated to be a prodigious bearer every year ; the fruit grows in clusters. The tree on which these specimens grew, required twelve props this year, to enable it to sustain its load. The fruit ripens in October,

and may be kept till January. One gentleman has commenced an orchard of this kind alone, persuaded that even for the purposes of feeding swine, no other fruit would prove so profitable, or yield so great crops.

For the Committee,

WM. KENRICK, *Chairman.*

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NOVEMBER 4, 1837.

F R U I T S .

*Pears.*—From S. Downer, Dorchester,—Duchesse D'Angoulême, Beurré Diel, Monsieur Jean, Urbaniste, Dix, Bleecker's Meadow, and Catillac.

From J. Clapp, South Reading,—Platt's Bergamotte, and a kind without name.

From E. Vose, Esq., Dorchester,—Duchesse D'Angoulême.

From Mr Coolidge's Garden, Boston,—St. Michael.

From E. M. Richards, Dedham,—Warden.

*Apples.*—From S. Downer,—Pomme De Neige.

From Gardner Brown,—Sweet apple, from Medfield, called there, Pomme Water.

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NOVEMBER 11, 1837.

F R U I T S .

Dix pear, a fine specimen, from a standard tree of Enoch Bartlett, Roxbury.

St. Germain pears, fine specimens, from Samuel Sweetser, Cambridgeport. A red apple and Rhode Island Greening, from Shadrach Freeman, Esq., Sandwich, Barnstable county; both kinds gave good evidence that fine fruits may be grown on the Cape. These were offered for exhibition by Dr Benjamin Shurtleff, Chelsea.

NOVEMBER 18, 1837.

## FRUITS.

From L. P. Grosvenor, specimens of Sandford pear, rather too ripe : also fine apples, name unknown, pronounced superior. From B. V. French, Wilkinson pears. From J. Boott, Boston, two kinds of apples from Newburyport ; one was Moody's Seedling or Grandfather apple, a kind esteemed in Essex county. From S. Pond, Cambridgeport, Beurré Diel pears, and a variety, not in eating, name unknown.

DECEMBER 1, 1837.

## FRUITS.

From Thomas Brewer, apples, River and Tolman sweet. Pears, Passe Colmar, Virgouleuse.

From Elijah Vose, apples, Dewitt or Doctor, Spice, Gil-liflower, Hawthorn Dean, Bellflower, Nonsuch, Marygold, Gardner Sweeting. *Pears*, Lewis.

From Jos. Balch, Moody apple.

DECEMBER 9, 1837.

## FRUITS.

*Pears*. — Figue de Naples, from Mr Manning, first fruit ; the tree proves a great bearer ; specimens over ripe ; to appearance a good fruit.

Surpasse St. Germain. This is the *third* variety which Mr Manning has received by this name. This, he observes, *appears to be correct* as it conforms to the description of Mr Braddick.

*Apples*. — Fall Harvey. "This," says Mr Manning, "is thought to be the best fall and early winter apple we have ; the fruit grows very large and handsome, and the tree is a great bearer." The fruit large, round, slightly ribbed ; color greenish yellow, with an occasional deep blush next the sun ; the stalk short, flesh, breaking, juice sweet and abundant, with a just and perfect proportion of acid. The grafts of this fine

variety, were received of Mr Towne of Topsfield, with some other fine kinds, but the origin is not known.

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DECEMBER 16, 1837.

F R U I T S .

Mr Downer's select fruits; (with the exception of very fine Passe Colmar pears, from the Hon. E. Vose,) constituted the entire exhibition.

*Apples.* — Ortleby, first rate, Brussels Pippin, Old Non-such, handsome and fine flavored. Two varieties of Spitzenbergh and Lady, a small oblong fruit of great beauty.

*Pears.* — Lewis, good; Bleeker's Meadow, Passe Colmar, Dix, over-ripe, but retains its flavor to the last. Beurré Rance; this variety cannot, with confidence, be recommended for general cultivation. Catillac, very large and hard; this with the last are good baking varieties, at this season of the year.

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DECEMBER 20, 1837.

F L O W E R S .

Mr Samuel Walker, Roxbury, exhibited a beautiful seedling Pansy, called Queen Victoria: it has been considered one of the best Mr W. has raised; colors fine and distinct, eye of the flower good, slightly pencilled, form nearly circular.

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MARCH 3, 1838.

Exhibited a few varieties of Apples, from B. V. French.

*Read*—A letter from E. M. Richards, describing a mode for preventing the ravages of the Apple Borer; also

Report of the Committee of Finance.

*Voted*, that \$275 be placed at the disposal of the several Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Committees, for the purpose of awarding premiums during the present year.

To Committee on Flowers \$125.

To Committee on Fruits \$100.

To Committee on Vegetables \$50.

MARCH 31, 1838.

## FRUITS.

Fine specimens of Rhode Island Greening, from Samuel Walker, Roxbury.

*Presented*—Chinese Mulberry seed, from J. M. Ives, Salem.

## PREMIUMS OFFERED BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR

1838.

*The Massachusetts Horticultural Society, established in Boston, offers the following Premiums, for Fruits, Vegetables and Flowers, for 1838.*

The augmented and various displays of Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables, and the zeal manifested by the cultivators thereof, during the past year, have been such as to induce the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, to offer, for the present season, the following premiums, to promote the general interest of horticulture, and to excite a spirit of emulation among its members for the public good.

## FOR FRUITS.

<i>Pears.</i>	For the best Summer Pears, not less than one dozen, a premium of	\$5. 00
	For the best Autumn Pears, not less than one dozen, a premium of	5. 00
	For the best Winter Pears, not less than one dozen, a premium of	5. 00
<i>Apples.</i>	For the best Summer Apples, not less than one dozen, a premium of	5. 00
	For the best Autumn Apples, not less than one dozen, a premium of	5. 00
	For the best Winter Apples, not less than one dozen, a premium of	5. 00

<i>Cherries.</i>	For the best Cherries, not less than two quarts, a premium of	\$5. 00
<i>Peaches.</i>	For the best Peaches, open culture, not less than one dozen, a premium of	5. 00
	For the best Peaches, under glass, not less than one dozen, a premium of	5. 00
<i>Plums.</i>	For the best Plums, not less than one quart, a premium of	5. 00
<i>Apricots.</i>	For the best Apricots, not less than one dozen, a premium of	4. 00
<i>Nectarines.</i>	For the best Nectarines, not less than one dozen, a premium of	4. 00
<i>Quinces.</i>	For the best Quinces, not less than one dozen, a premium of	5. 00
<i>Grapes.</i>	For the best Foreign Grapes, grown under glass, a premium of	10. 00
	For the best Foreign Grapes, out-door culture, a premium of	5. 00
	For the best Native Grapes, a premium of	5. 00
<i>Gooseberries.</i>	For the best Dessert Gooseberries, not less than two quarts, a premium of	5. 00
<i>Raspberries.</i>	For the best Raspberries, not less than two quarts a premium of	5. 00
<i>Strawberries.</i>	For the best Strawberries, not less than one quart, a premium of	5. 00
<i>Currants.</i>	For the best currants, not less than one quart, a premium of	2. 00

## FOR VEGETABLES.

<i>Asparagus.</i>	Earliest and best in open ground,	4. 00
<i>Cucumbers.</i>	Best Pair, on or before the first Saturday in July,	4. 00
<i>Cabbages.</i>	Early, the best four Heads,	2. 00
<i>Carrots.</i>	Twelve Roots, the earliest and best,	2. 00
<i>Beets.</i>	Twelve Roots, of the earliest and best, by the first Saturday in July,	2. 00

<i>Rhubarb.</i>	Six Spears of the best,	\$3. 00
<i>Potatoes.</i>	Early, one Peck, the best, by the first Saturday in July,	3. 00
<i>Celery.</i>	Two Plants, earliest and best,	2. 00
<i>Beans.</i>	Large Lima, two quarts, shelled,	3. 00
“	The earliest and best, Dwarf, Shell, two quarts,	2. 00
<i>Lettuce.</i>	Four Heads, the finest and heaviest of the season,	2. 00
<i>Cauliflowers.</i>	Two Heads, finest and heaviest of the season,	3. 00
<i>Broccoli.</i>	Two Heads,	3. 00
<i>Squashes.</i>	Winter, the largest and best Pair,	3. 00
<i>Peas.</i>	One Peck, the earliest and best, by the first Saturday of June,	4. 00
<i>Melons.</i>	Water, the largest and best Pair,	3. 00
“	The finest Greenflesh in the season,	3. 00
<i>Indian Corn.</i>	For boiling ; Twelve Ears, having regard to the size of the ears, their earliness, and the quality of the corn,	2. 00

## FOR FLOWERS.

<i>Roses.</i>	For the best display,	5. 00
“	24 hardy varieties,	3. 00
“	12 “ “	2. 00
“	12 China and other tender varieties,	3. 00
<i>Hyacinths.</i>	Best display,	5. 00
<i>Carnations.</i>	“ “	5. 00
“	six varieties,	3. 00
“	seedling,	3. 00
<i>Pinks.</i>	“ display,	5. 00
“	six varieties,	3. 00
“	seedling,	3. 00

<i>Tulips.</i>	“ 12 varieties,		\$8. 00
<i>Dahlias.</i>	“ display,	1st prize,	10. 00
	“ “	2d “	6. 00
	“ 24 varieties,	1st “	8. 00
	“ “	2d “	5. 00
	“ 16 “	1st “	6. 00
	“ “	2d “	4. 00
	“ 8 “	1st “	5. 00
	“ “	2d “	2. 00
	“ seedling,	1st “	3. 00
	“ “	2d “	2. 00
<i>Pansies.</i>	“ display		5. 00
	“ seedling,		3. 00
<i>Geraniums.</i>	“ display, six varieties, in pots,		5. 00
	“ seedling,		3. 00
<i>Herbaceous Plants.</i>	Best general display, during the season,		10. 00

A gratuity is also offered for any specimens of new or rare plants, or for any plant which may be considered by the Committee on Flowers, deserving, for its great beauty or superior culture, such mark of approbation.

It is desirable that the specimens offered for competition should be as numerous as possible, regard being had, that none should be presented but those of a fine quality, and that each kind should be accompanied by its name.

The Society may withhold any prize if the specimen exhibited be deemed, by them, unworthy, although a prize may have been announced for the best production in the class to which it respectively belongs. And be it further understood, that all Fruits, Flowers, or Vegetables, brought forward for competition, must be the property of, and raised by the competitor.

The Society meet every Saturday morning at their Rooms, 23 Tremont Row, where articles designed for exhibition or

competition, may be presented. The specimens for premiums should be on the table by ten o'clock, A. M., labelled with the name of the owners. Persons wishing to become members of this Society, will please make application to any of its officers.

All premiums not applied for, within six months after they are awarded, will be considered as forfeited to, and for the use of the Society.

*Committee on Fruits.*

W. Kenrick, *Chairman*; Robert Manning, Samuel Downer, Benjamin V. French, Edward M. Richards, John A. Kenrick, John M. Ives, Salem, P. B. Hovey, L. P. Grosvenor, William H. Cowen, J. L. L. F. Warren, S. Pond.

*Committee on Vegetables.*

Samuel Pond, *Chairman*; P. B. Hovey, S. Walker, E. M. Richards, Aaron D. Williams, Rufus Howe.

*Committee on Flowers.*

S. Walker, *Chairman*; C. M. Hovey, Joseph Breck, S. Sweetser, D. Haggerston, Samuel R. Johnson, M. P. Wilder, William E. Carter.

E. VOSE, *President.*

R. T. PAINE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

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EXHIBITED ON APRIL 21, 1838.

F R U I T S .

Spitzenburg and Lady Apples (good specimens) by Mr Downer. Also specimens of a small, handsome and pleasant fruit called "Golden Russet"—unlike the fruit usually known by that name.

By Mr Richards, Lady Apple, Roxbury Russet and Roxbury Sweet, so called; a small yellow handsome fruit and the Swaar apple.

*Pears*.—Easter Beurré ; (one of the very finest of all the new kinds hitherto known, for late keeping) from S. Downer. Beurré of Bolwiller, from E. M. Richards.

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GERANIUM SHOW.

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society will award its Premiums, on Saturday next, 28th inst. for the best specimens of *Geraniums*, viz: for the best six varieties in pots, and for the best seedling. The specimens must be on the table, at the Rooms of the Society, 23 Tremont Row, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Rooms will be opened for the public, at 11 o'clock, A. M. and close at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Per order of the Committee on Flowers,

SAMUEL WALKER, *Chairman*.

23 Tremont Row, April 21, 1838.

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THE EXHIBITION.

*Pelargoniums* (*Geraniums*.)—From Marshall P. Wilder, about twenty pots, of varieties, viz: Hill's Champion, Hericartianum, Lord Denman, Admiral Codrington, Diver-sum, Celestia, Admiral Nelson, Mary Queen of Scots, Adeline, Albidum, Rob Roy, Diadematum, and three or four seedlings. Also, a specimen of rose, Triumph de Luxemburg.

From Mr Meller, four or five varieties of *Geraniums*.

From Mr Mason, cut flowers of *Geraniums*.

*Other plants exhibited.* From S. Walker, *Alyssum saxatile* and three seedling Pansies in pots, (fine.)

From Mr Cowan, a great variety of cut flowers, &c.

From T. Lee, a variety of flowers, among which were *Gaillardia bicolor*, *Chryseis crocea*, *Verbena Tweediana*, and *V. chamædrifolia*, *Fuschia globosa*, *Calandrinia discolor*, *Mimuli*, a new dark *Nasturtium*, *Clarkia pulchella* and *C. var. alba*, *Calceolarias*, *Roses*.

## FRUITS.

From S. Downer, Spitzemberg and Lady apples, and an unknown kind, improperly called Golden Russet. Also Easter Beurré pear, in fine order. From E. M. Richards, Lady, Swaar, Roxbury Sweet and Roxbury Russet, apples. Also, Beurré de Bolwiller pear, a small, good looking fruit.

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MAY 12, 1838.

## FRUITS.

John B. Barstow, Hanover, Plymouth Co., presented, "Seek-no-further" Apples, of great beauty and fine flavor.

## VEGETABLES.

By J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, early spine cucumber, nearly white, (from English seed.) Flavor fine and bears well.

Thanks of Society voted to Hon. Daniel Webster and to J. F. Cullum, Treasurer of Columbian Horticultural Society, for their donation of Report of the Committee on Agriculture, on the memorial of Dr Perrine.

Hon. Russell Freeman of Sandwich, admitted as a Corresponding Member.

Joseph H. Gardner of Roxbury and John Fenno of Chelsea, were admitted subscription members.

Scions of seven native varieties of Pears from Connecticut, accompanied by a letter, from John Prince, received.

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MAY 19, 1838.

## FLOWERS.

Messrs Hovey & Co. presented some extra fine specimens of Hyacinth. We called at their garden, in Cambridgeport, and saw the residue of their collection, which we hesitate not to say were the best ever grown in this section of the country.

For the Committee,

S. WALKER, *Chairman.*

MAY 26, 1838.

## V E G E T A B L E S .

From J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, a fine specimen of *bleached* Giant Rhubarb or Pie Plant. This plant was closely covered with a *lime cask*, on the 17th inst. having then just appeared above ground.

JUNE 2, 1838.

## F R U I T .

Apples, Mackay Sweeting, from the farm of Capt. Mackay, from Weston.

## V E G E T A B L E S .

From Mr Warren, Brighton, fine specimens of English Cape Broccoli ; Early Cauliflowers ; Green Prickly, Short Horn, and White Spine, Cucumber.

## F L O W E R S .

From the Messrs Winships, Brighton—*Syringa Chinensis*, or Chinese Lilac ; *Spiræa hypericifolia* ; do. *chamædrifolia* ; do. *lævigata* ; *Xylosteum tartaricum* ; do. *vulgare* ; do. *album* ; *Caucasicum* ; *Ranunculus repens* ; do. *aconitifolius pl.* ; do. *acris pl.* ; Phloxes ; *Lamium rugosum* ; *Actæa alba*, &c.

From Thomas Lee, Esq. Brookline, fine specimens of the following plants, viz : Macartney Rose ; Belle Parisienne do. ; Four Seasons do. ; *Dahlia fimbriata alba* ; do. *Columbine* ; *Phlox Drummondii*, (pot ; ) do. (cut ; ) *Sylphium* (?) *Californicum* ; *Eschallzia crocæa* ; *Leptosiphon Androsaceus* ; *Silene compacta* ; *Asclepias tuberosa* ; *Clarkia alba* ; *Lupinus mutabilis*.

By Wm. Meller, Roxbury, *Tropæolum pentaphyllum*.

By S. Walker, Roxbury, a variety of Tulips.

The Chairman of the Judges appointed to award the premiums for the best specimens of *Geraniums*, drew up a

report and forwarded it, by *private* conveyance, to the Chairman of the Committee on Flowers ; said report has not yet come to hand, or it would have been made *public* before this time. This statement of facts is made, that the gentlemen, who contributed to the *Geranium Show*, may know that the neglect to report does not lie with the Judges, or the Committee on Flowers.

By order of the Flower Committee,

S. WALKER, *Chairman*.

Boston, June 2, 1833.

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JUNE 9, 1833.

FLOWERS EXHIBITED.

From Wm. Kenrick, Newton ; Pæonies, rose-colored ; Carnation or flesh-colored ; Grevillii ; Single crimson Moutan or Purple tree Pæony ; Iris, Siberian ; do. Fœtida ; do. Florentine ; do. Sweetii. Specimens of Scarlet Hawthorn, Wistaria Consequana or Chinese Glycine, hardy and flowers profusely in an exposed situation ; Laburnum, or Golden Chain.

From Messrs Winship, Brighton, Lonicera alba ; Syringa Persica ; Spiræa Trilobata ; Clematis Viorna ; Cytisus Laburnum ; Azalea Nudiflora ; do. Pontica ; Veronica Genticianoides ; 8 kinds of Hardy Pæonies ; 4 do. do. Irises ; 4 do. do. Geraniums ; Harrison's double Yellow Rose.

By Thos. Lee, Esq., Dahlias, and other specimens of fine plants, Roses, &c.

By S. Walker, Bouquets, &c.

VEGETABLES.

Rhubarb, large and fine, from the Messrs. Winship, and from James L. L. F. Warren, Brighton.

Cucumbers : English white spined, do. short prickly, Si-

not's smooth-skin, do. early frame ; from the garden of James L. L. F. Warren, Brighton.

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JUNE 16, 1833.

FLOWERS.

From Col. M. P. Wilder, Pæonies, Roses, and Double Rocket.

By S. R. Johnson, Charlestown, China Roses and Pinks.

By W. E. Carter, from the Botanic Garden, Cambridge, some fine specimens of herbaceous plants.

From the Messrs Hovey, several bouquets.

From William Kenrick, two bouquets.

From the Messrs Winship, Brighton, *Iris pseudacorus*, *Thalictrum album*, *Lonicera flor. variegata* ; Roses, pink, white, and purple Boursalt, Florida, single yellow, a variety of Scotch Roses, and Herbaceous Plants.

By S. Walker, Bouquets, &c.

VEGETABLES.

Peas, by Rufus Howe, Dorchester.

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PARTICULAR NOTICE.

The Premiums on Roses and Pinks will be awarded on Saturday next, 23d inst. The Flowers offered for Prizes must be on the tables before 10 o'clock.

By order of Flower Committee,

S. WALKER, *Chairman*.

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FLORICULTURAL NOTICE.

Gentlemen having Roses, and who are not desirous to enter them for prizes, are respectfully invited to contribute specimens for exhibition.

The Rooms of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, No. 23, Tremont Row, are open for the public every Saturday morning, from 10 till 12 o'clock.

The Fruits and Flowers are usually for sale.

JUNE 23, 1838.

## F L O W E R S .

A variety of the finest Roses, from M. P. Wilder, Esq. From Augustus Aspinwall, Esq., superb varieties, and two or three new ones.

From Thomas Lee, Esq., specimens of the most lovely and delicate sorts.

From Samuel R. Johnson, fine hardy Roses, and China Roses of the best kinds.

From S. Sweetser, Cambridgeport, choice hardy and China Roses, well grown.

Contributions of Roses and other flowers from Messrs Winship, Brighton ; Hovey & Co., Cambridgeport ; Carter, of the Botanic Garden ; Hovey, of Roxbury ; Meller of Roxbury, and S. Walker, Roxbury.

*Seedling Roses.*—Messrs Winship presented specimens of Seedling Roses, very fine, one especially of extra quality.

E. Breed, Esq., Charlestown, presented Cactus Speciosissimus. The plant was in a high state of cultivation.

Messrs Winship presented a rare or new species of Cactus, with a large white flower. Very beautiful.

From T. Magoun, Medford, *Magnolia glauca*, *Kalmia latifolia*, and *Glycine frutescens*.

## F R U I T S .

Eight boxes of fine Methven Castle Strawberries, from J. L. L. F. Warren.

From the President of the Society, superb specimens of Keene's Seedling Strawberry.

Fine Peaches, from the peach-houses of Aaron Mitchell, Nantucket.

## V E G E T A B L E S .

From S. Pond, Cambridgeport, very large Giant Rhubarb.

JUNE 30, 1838.

## F L O W E R S .

*Roses*, by A. Aspinwall, Esq., Brookline, S. R. Johnson, Charlestown, and Col. Wilder, Dorchester.

*Pinks*, by Col. Wilder, Wm. Meller, and S. Walker.

*Dahlias*, from Dr J. C. Howard, Brookline, besides a Bouquet and Roses.

*Pansies*, from Col. Wilder and from S. Walker.

*Bouquets*, from Messrs Winships ; Hovey & Co. ; Wm. Kenrick ; John Hovey ; S. Sweetser ; S. Walker.

Specimens of *Sambucus* from Messrs Winship, and of *Nerium* from S. Sweetser.

From Dr Alden, Randolph, *Liriodendron Tulipifera*, or Tulip tree.

## F R U I T S .

Methven Castle and Downton Strawberries, from the President of the Society : both remarkable for size and beauty.

From J. L. L. F. Warren, from his garden in Brighton, four boxes of large and beautiful Strawberries, the Methven Castle.

A very large, dark red cherry, from Henry Edwards, from his garden in the city ; very fine and sweet, similar to Black Tartarian.

JULY 7, 1838.

## F R U I T S .

Basket of Grapes from unknown source.

Methven Castle Strawberries from J. L. L. F. Warren.

Apricots from Col. M. P. Wilder.

## V E G E T A B L E S .

Beets from S. Sweetser. Lettuce from P. Hill of Groton.

Beans, "the Six-week Bean," from J. L. L. F. Warren.

## F L O W E R S .

Messrs T. Lee and S. N. Johnson presented Roses. Dr J. C. Howard offered Dahlias.

From M. P. Wilder, seedling Geraniums of very superior merits.

Bouquets from Messrs William Kenrick, Hovey & Co., Winship, Howard, J. Hovey, Meller and S. Walker.

From T. Lee, Esq., native and other plants, among which were beautiful specimens of *Rhododendron maximum*, *Cymbidium pulchellum*, *Magnolia glauca*, &c. &c.

From William Kenrick, a variety of old white Lily, with a purple tint : curious rather than improved.

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JULY 14, 1838.

## F R U I T S .

Presented by Dr John C. Howard, Brookline, two fine bunches of Black Hamburgh Grapes, very large and high colored ; also a fine large bunch of the Miller Burgundy.

By John Hovey, Roxbury, two boxes of very large and fine, white, oblong Gooseberries.

By John G. Thurston, Lancaster, a box of Gooseberries, apparently same as last.

By James L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, Raspberries, white and red Antwerp.

By James L. L. F. Warren, white and red Dutch Currants, fine.

By Samuel Downer, two boxes fine specimens of the *Downer* Cherry.

## F L O W E R S .

Carnations were offered by Messrs Johnson, Winship and Meller.

Cactus speciosissimus from Col M. P. Wilder. Also, *C. Jenkinsoniana*, *Gloxinia speciosa* and *Combretum purpureum*.

From S. Walker. *Aconitum Variegatum*, *Yucca Filamentosa*.

*Bouquets*, from Messrs Winship, Howard, Hovey & Co., John Hovey, Meller and Walker.

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WEEKLY MEETING ON JULY 21, 1838.

Exhibition and premium on Carnations. Committee of three, chosen to decide on the claims for premiums.

*Presented.* *Asclepias tuberosa* (native) from Dr E. Alden, of Randolph.

Choice specimens of *Punica granatum fl. pl.*, and some fine Holyhocks, from S. R. Johnson.

*Symphoria variegata* and *Acer negundo*, from Messrs Winship.

Bouquets from Messrs Hovey & Co., Carter, Meller, Walker and John Hovey. Also the following

F R U I T S .

Several very large clusters of black Hamburg Grapes; and the white Chasselas, from Jacob Tidd, Roxbury.

A beautiful cluster of French Pears, grown under glass, from E. Breed, Charlestown.

From Dr J. C. Howard, Brookline, black Hamburg, Miller Burgundy, white Chasselas Grapes; red and white Antwerp Raspberries and Dutch white Currants.

From J. D. W. Williams, Apples, Spitzenberg? growth of 1837, in fine state of preservation; also two varieties of Gooseberries—Dutch red and white Currants.

From Aaron D. Weld, West Roxbury, Dutch red and white Currants, very fine specimens.

From S. Walker, Roxbury, branches of red seedling Currants, and the following varieties of Gooseberries, viz.—“Hopeley’s Globe Green,” “Gascoine,” and “Lancaster Lad.”

The President and several members were present at this meeting. The principle business before them related to the arrangements for the Annual Exhibition.

On motion of Mr Grosvenor, it was voted,—That the Society have an exhibition of Fruits and Flowers, in the month of September following, between the 10th and 25th of the same, at such time and place, within the above limitation, as a committee hereafter to be chosen, shall, considering the progress of the season, deem most expedient.

A general Committee of Arrangements was then chosen, viz :

*Committee of Arrangements.*—Samuel Walker, Isaac P. Davis, Thomas Lee, Lemuel P. Grosvenor, Marshall P. Wilder, Ebenezer Putnam, E. Weston, Jr., Jacob Tidd, Benj. V. French, Samuel Downer, David Haggerston, Wm. McLennan, Charles M. Hovey, M. P. Sawyer, Joseph Breck, J. E. Teschemacher, Cheever Newhall, Wm. Kenrick, Robert Treat Paine, Henry Sheafe, Samuel R. Johnson, S. Sweetser, Robert Manning, J. M. Ives, Dr J. C. Howard, P. B. Hovey, E. M. Richards, John A. Kenrick, Wm. E. Carter, J. L. L. F. Warren, J. W. Cowan, J. W. Russell, Jonathan Winship.

On motion of Mr Grosvenor this committee was instructed to fill vacancies, and add to its number if found desirable—and the same was voted unanimously.

On motion of Mr Richards, a decorating committee was raised, with authority to add to their number. The gentlemen of this Committee are the following.

*Special Committee to decorate the Hall, and take charge of the Fruits and Flowers.*—Samuel Walker, L. P. Grosvenor, Col M. P. Wilder, J. E. Teschemacher, Wm. Kenrick, E. M. Richards, S. R. Johnson, C. M. Hovey, D. Haggerston, W. C. Cowan, J. W. Russell, H. Sheafe, Mr McLennan.

JULY 28, 1838.

## F L O W E R S .

From S. R. Johnson, varieties of Roses, including *Jaune Desprez*, *Lamarque*, &c. Also Carnations, Pinks, and the double flowering Pomegranate. From Messrs Winship, Carnations, Honeysuckles, *Verbena Tweediana*, *Lilium Canadense*, and a variety of other flowers. Bouquets from Hovey & Co., Jno. Hovey, S. Walker. *Phlox pyramidalis*, *var. nova*, (a fine white seedling,) from Wm. E. Carter, by whom it was raised; also Bouquet of Dahlias and other flowers.

## F R U I T S .

Beautiful specimens of Peaches, raised uuder glass, from M. P. Sawyer, Portland.

Two boxes of good Gooseberries, from Jos. T. Buckingham.

Two boxes of Gooseberries, from Wm. Meller, of which were the following varieties: *Jolly Printer*, *Champaigne*, &c. &c.

Four boxes of Gooseberries, (large and fine) from George Newhall of Dorchester.

From Wm. Kenrick, three boxes do.

*Franconia* and *White Antwerp* Raspberries, (fine specimens,) from Dr John C. Howard, Brookline.

Four boxes *Dutch White* and do. *Dutch Red Currants*, from A. D. Williams, Roxbury.

From Wm. Meller, box *Red* and box *White Dutch Currants*.

Andrew P. Young, offered a globular glass vessel, filled with pure honey, (during four weeks,) from his yard in Hanover street. Weight 16 pounds.

AUGUST 4, 1838.

## FRUITS.

*Apples*.—Good specimens of the following kinds from E. M. Richards : Early Harvest, Curtis' Striped, William's Favorite.

*Apricots*.—Good specimens from Mr Wales, of Dorchester.

From Mr Rundle, from his garden in Warren street, Apricots of good size and appearance.

From Mrs C. H. Jones, from her garden No. 14 Friend street, specimens of Apricots large and handsome.

*Grapes*.—Beautiful specimens of the following kinds were in exhibition by Dr J. C. Howard, from Woodland, in Brookline ; Black Hamburg, Sweetwater, and Miller Burgundy, all grown under glass. The berries of the latter very large for the kind, the fruit having been thinned while young.

## FLOWERS.

Notwithstanding the extreme heat of the weather and the want of rain, which together have almost burnt up vegetation, our friends decorated our tables with some fine bouquets and choice flowers.

Dr J. C. Howard, Woodland, Brookline, exhibited a very splendid Bouquet. The specimens of the *Dahlia* in this collection were extra fine for the season. His gardener deserves great praise for the taste displayed in the arrangement of the various flowers, and for the general effect.

The Messrs Winship, of Brighton, presented two very large Bouquets, containing some choice and very pretty flowers. The best *bouquets* placed on our tables this season, by Mr Story, under whose care is the establishment, particularly relating to flowers. They did him credit.

S. R. Sohson of Charlestown, presented Roses and Carnations with other choice flowers. Mr Johnson's speci-

mens are always clean and fine. He arranges his specimens with taste, and to great advantage. Feeling as we do, that as a cultivator, Mr Johnson has but few equals and no superior, we cannot let the present opportunity pass without saying that we at all times turn from his stand pleased with his arrangement.

Messrs John Hovey, of Roxbury, and Hovey & Co. of Boston, presented Bouquets.

Mr John Hovey also presented a plant of *Nerium carneum*, *fl. pl.* For the Committee,

S. WALKER.

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AUGUST 11, 1838.

F R U I T S .

*Figs*, very large and fine, from J. F. Priest, Boston. *Apricots*, from Mr Rundle. Early harvest Apples, from J. Eustis, South Reading. Catalonia Plums, from S. Pond. Green Chisel Pears, from S. Walker. Early harvest Apples, from E Vose.

F L O W E R S .

From Marshall P. Wilder, of Grove Hall, Dorchester, by his gardener, J. Donald, two superb specimens of *Hibiscus fulgens*. These flowers were very large. They were much admired for their elegant shaped, pink colored cups. We hope Col. Wilder will favor us with other specimens of his new "*Capetown beauty*."\*

*Bouquets*, by Messrs Hovey, Winship, Sweetser, Howard, and Walker.

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AUGUST 18, 1838.

F L O W E R S .

Dr J. C. Howard, of Woodland, Brookline, exhibited several fine specimens of the Dahlia ; among them we noticed

\* Probably from Cape of Good Hope.

Queen Adelaide, Brown's Desdemona, Royal William, Beauty of Cambridge, Ophelia, Cedo Nulli, and some other good varieties. Dr Howard also decorated our tables with one of his extra fine Bouquets.

There were other Flowers and Bouquets from Messrs Newhall, Hovey, Winship, and Walker, containing some choice flowers, and, as a whole, making a pretty good display for so peculiar a season.

For the Committee,

S. WALKER, *Chairman*.

The following FRUITS were also offered, viz :

*Pears*.—From Aaron D. Weld, of West Roxbury, English Catharine, handsome specimens of the kind.

From Mr Downer, specimens of Dearborn's Seedling, Washington, and Queen Catharine.

*Apples*.—From Simeon H. Mason, of East Medway, Pond Apples, large, handsome variety of Greening, not yet quite in eating ; in flavor resembling R. I. Greening, so far as could be judged at this time.

From Mr Downer, Sopsavine, William's Favorite, very beautiful.

Mr Richards presented for exhibition the following kinds, comprising several of the finest varieties of Early Apples :—Early Harvest, Early Bow, Early Red Juneating, and Williams' Early, also Sugar Loaf, Calville, and Spice Apples.

From James Munroe, of Cambridge, River Apple, large, red, and *now ripe*, fine flavored, and handsome.

*Apricots*.—Handsome specimens from Ezra Dyer.

*Plums*.—From Mr Downer, the Bingham, and Royal de Tours, both specimens large and very fine ; also Damask, or Damson.

From Samuel Pond from his garden in Cambridgeport, Apricot Plum, fine specimens ; Blue Mogul, so called, a large, oblong, blue Plum, of fine appearance ; Pond's seedling, a noble fruit, large, blue, and of delicious flavor. *The*

*tree is raised from offsets* : Mr Pond has been eminently successful in the cultivation of the Plum, his trees produce this year, by estimation, from twentyfive to thirty bushels, the trees of several varieties being literally loaded with this valuable fruit.

*Grapes.*—From Dr J. C. Howard, from his garden at Woodland, beautiful specimens of the White Chasselas, Black Hamburg, and the *Meunièr* or Miller Burgundy. With ordinary cultivation the berries of this last named variety are small, the clusters compact but of inferior size ; but these specimens were of uncommon size, the berries large, the clusters of ample dimensions, with large projecting shoulders.

*Shepardia eleagnoides.*—From Messrs Winship, some branches of the Shepardia, or Buffalo berry, covered profusely with large and compact clusters of beautiful scarlet fruit. The fruit, the size of the currant, is very grateful to the taste after being ameliorated by the frost. It is sometimes, though improperly, called the *American Olive*, but only from the resemblance of the leaf, which is small, narrow, and woolly, having a silvery appearance. The tree is from the Rocky Mountains, therefore perfectly hardy. It is armed with strong thorns, hence it is believed it will become a most desirable plant for hedges. At Messrs Winship's it is cultivated along the highway, where innumerable droves of cattle pass, but no animal it is said has ever been known to browse it.

#### VEGETABLES.

A fine autumnal Marrow Squash (true variety), weight 37 1-2 lbs., was presented by Dana Parks, Roxbury.

By Mr Rogers, of Watertown, a basket of large late Lima Beans ; extra fine.

From unknown source, a basket of Tomatoes of large size.

AUGUST 25, 1838

## FLOWERS.

From Thomas Lee, Esq., *Hibiscus Manihot*, *Portulaca Gilliesii*, *Gerardia flava*, *G. purpurea*, a variety of *Althæa*, and other choice flowers.

From Dr J. C. Howard, a very fine Bouquet, and some specimens of *Dahlias*, among which were the following: Countess of Liverpool, Royal William, Beauty of Cambridge, Ophelia, &c.

S. Walker presented the following *Dahlias*: Jackson's Rival Yellow, King of Dahlias, *Picta formosissima*, Duchess of Buccleugh, Belladonna.

Bouquets from Messrs Winship, Walker, Hovey & Co., and John Hovey.

## FRUITS.

Very fine Plums, from Messrs Pond and Johnson.

From Mr Pond, the following: Smith's Orleans, Duane's Purple, Pond's Seedling, Green Gage or Reine Claude, Washington, White Gage, Corse's Nota Bena.

From Mr Johnson, Washington, Green Gage, and White Gage.

From Mrs C. H. Jones, Boston, Smith's Orleans Plums.

S. Walker *also* presented specimens of *Plums*.

*Pears*.—The following varieties from S. Pond: Williams' Bon Chretien or Bartlett, Andrews, Julienne, and Cushing.

Green Chisel Pears, from S. Walker.

The following varieties from S. Downer, viz: Washington, Frederic de Wurtemberg and Julienne.

From T. Lee, Esq., Early Ann *Peaches*. This variety has proved, with Mr L., hardy and productive, for several past years; also, the Napoleon *Melon*, very fine in appearance, and of delicious flavor.

The following *Musk-melons*: Netted Cantaloupe, Melon de Roche, de Carriere (?) or Queen's Pocket, and Napoleon; two

last, *new varieties*, from Dr J. C. Howard. Also Red Siberian Crab Apples.

From M. P. Sawyer, Portland, two varieties of Peaches (grown under glass), of extraordinary size and beauty.

“Williams’ Favorite” Apples, from S. Downer.

#### V E G E T A B L E S .

Tomatoes, from J. L. L. F. Warren.

A curiosity in the vegetable kingdom (name unknown), brought from Asia by the Rev. Mr Malcolm, exhibited by C. W. Green, Esq.

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1838.

#### F R U I T S   A N D   V E G E T A B L E S .

From Hon. E. Vose, of Dorchester, Melons of the Green-flesh variety, viz. Persian, Minorca and Cantaloupe. (The contributor very politely placed this fruit upon the Committee’s table for the proof of its quality : on being cut it was found to be of very delicious flavor, finely ripened, and of the genuine varieties )

From Joshua Gardner, Esq., of Dorchester, fine River Apples.

From J. Wiggin, of Portsmouth, a beautiful summer Apple (name unknown).

A fine Apple from Manchester, Virginia, gathered by a traveller.

From Capt. John De Wolf, Brighton, a basket of Julienne Pears, very fine.

From John B. Barstow, Hanover, a basket of Summer Pippin, apparently a fine fruit, but having been too long kept, the flavor was lost.

From S. Walker, Roxbury, a dish of fine Plums ; viz : Bolmar’s Washington, Prince’s White Gage, and Italian Damask.

From S. R. Johnson, Esq. Charlestown, three baskets

magnificent Plums, two of Bolmar's Washington and one of Green Gage ; also a branch from the tree, very full, and of large size fruit.

From R. Manning, Salem, was received a large basket containing the following Pears, viz : Summer Frankreal, Red Juneating, Harel or Hessel, and Dearborn's Seedling. *Apples* ; the White Astracan, Nonsuch (English), and Putnam's Harvey. *Plums*, as follows : Dana, Byfield, and Red Canada (the latter planted for stocks). It was unfortunate that the liberal contribution was not received till at the close of the exhibition, as it contained many very valuable and handsome specimens.

From Mr Pond of Cambridgeport. His usual large and handsome display of *Plums* for which he is so much distinguished ; his varieties were, Smith's Orleans, Duane's Purple, Bingham, Green Gage, White Gage, Corse's Field Marshal and Bolmar's Washington.

From Hon. John Lowell, a specimen of Cuba Tomato, very beautiful ; they were distributed for the seed, agreeable to the wish of the contributor, as expressed in the following letter received by the Committee.

ROXBURY, SEPT. 1, 1833.

To the Committee of the Horticultural Society for Vegetables.

GENTS.—I send you the Tomatoes of Cuba, which are much preferred by the Spaniards to those we raise. Indeed, for a preserve for the dessert, they are much more beautiful. I was fearful they would not ripen in our climate ; but I found they were eight days earlier than our own raised near them in the open ground.

I thought some cultivators might like to try them, and therefore send some ripe ones. They are abundant bearers.

I am, very respectfully, your ob't servant,

JOHN LOWELL.

For the Committee on Fruits and Vegetables,

JAMES L. L. F. WARREN.

## F L O W E R S .

*Dahlias*.—By Messrs Hovey & Co., a fine specimen of variety, Mrs Rushton. The form, color and size of this variety are good; it will rank among those of first character.

By S. Walker, varieties, Jackson's Rival Yellow, King of Dahlias, Dutchess of Buccleugh, Dennissii, Widnall's Perfection and Lady Ann.

*Bouquets*.—By Dr J. C. Howard, Woodlands, Brookline; Messrs Winship, Brighton; Messrs Hovey & Co., of Cambridgeport; John Hovey, and S. Walker of Roxbury.

For the Committee, S. WALKER, *Chairman*.

The Committee of Arrangements at their meeting this day, voted that the annual exhibition shall take place on *Wednesday, Thursday and Friday*, 19th, 20th and 21st days of the present month.

*The Special Committee to decorate the Hall and to take charge of the fruits and flowers, viz.:* Messrs L. P. Grosvenor, M. P. Wilder, J. E. Teschemacher, Wm. Kenrick, E. M. Richards, J. R. Johnson, C. M. Hovey, D. Haggerton, W. H. Cowan, J. W. Russell, H. Sheafe, Alexander McLennan, J. Breck and J. L. L. F. Warren, will meet at the room of the Society on Saturday morning, 8th and 15th inst. at 11 o'clock.

Per order,

S. WALKER, *Chairman*.

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SEPTEMBER 8, 1838.

## F R U I T S .

*Pears*.—From Mr Ives of Salem, Francreal D' Eté, a very superior and productive fruit. Roi de Wurtemberg, and old Catharine.

From Mr Vose, President of the Society, Julienne, Cushing and Dearborn's seedling.

From S. Phipps of Roxbury, a Pear without name.

From Mr Manning, Chair à dame, Vallee Franche, Julienne, Golden Beurré of Bilboa, Paysans du Portugal, and a round sweet Pear from France, also Summer Rose of Coxe, a small round, breaking fruit, of an aromatic flavor.

From Dr J. C. Howard, Woodland, in Brookline, Bergamotte Rouge, so called, a fruit, which appears identical with the "Summer Rose" of Mr Manning, quoted above, but much more highly colored with red.

From Col. M. P. Wilder, a Pear supposed the Beurré d'Amaulis, which is a noted fine fruit; the specimen imperfect; a large fruit, of a pyramidal form, and green color, with a ruddy cheek, beurré and of good flavor.

*Apples.*—From Edward Sparhawk, Esq. of Brighton; Prince's Harvest, a very beautiful deep red striped fruit, over medium size, juice abundant, of an agreeable, sprightly, acid flavor.

From Mr Ives of Salem, Early Sweet Bow, fine.

From John A. Kenrick, Early Sweet Bow, very beautiful.

From S. Davis, Esq. of Newton, Hawthorndean.

From S. Bigelow, of Medford, a large red French striped Apple.

*Peaches.*—From T. Bigelow of Medford, handsome yellow malacatunes.

From W. T. Eustis of Brighton, specimens of Peaches of great beauty.

E. M. Richards offered for exhibition, *ninety seedling* Peaches, of as many different varieties, raised by Otis Pettee of Newton; all of them appeared fair and handsome, and some of them fine.

*Plums.*—Mr Manning offered specimens for exhibition of the Red Apricot Plum; a dark purple round fruit of rather large size and handsome. Also Huling's superb, a remarkably large fine fruit, but a shy bearer.

From Mr S. R. Johnson of Charlestown, Reine Claude

or Green Gage, Prince's Imperial Gage, both specimens fine ; also Bolmer's Washington, very large and beautiful. This superb variety produces large crops of delicious fruit in the garden of Mr Johnson ; and appears to differ from the fine " Bolmer's Washington" of Mr Cruft of this city, the one being a clingstone and the other a freestone. The variety of Mr Cruft conforming more exactly to the description which authors have given of the Bolmer's Washington, is yet deemed a shy bearer.

From Messrs Mason of the Charlestown Vineyard, a small, round, white seedling plum, of a sweet flavor.

From Henry Van Dyne of Cambridgeport, a seedling, very handsome Blue Plum, for a name ; which we venture to name *Van Dyne Plum*. We may speak further of the merits of this fruit on a future occasion.

*Grapes*.—Josiah Bradlee of this city, offered specimens of the Black Hamburgh from the Grape House of Aaron Mitchell, Esq., of Nantucket ; clusters very large and beautiful. The soil and climate of the Island prove admirably adapted to the vine.

From Dr J. C. Howard, specimens of the Black Hamburgh, White Chasselas, and the Meunier or Miller Burgundy, corresponding in size and beauty to those of this gentleman's former exhibitions.

From Otis Johnson of Lynn, splendid clusters of Black Hamburgh.

From Jacob Tidd of Roxbury, specimens of White Chasselas and Black Hamburgh corresponding in beauty to those of his exhibitions in former years.

From Mr Davis of Newton, Black native Grapes.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM KENRICK, *Chairman*.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1838.

## F L O W E R S .

*Dahlias*.—From Messrs Howard, Wilder, Hovey and Walker ; among them we noticed Prince George, Dennisii (fine,) Ophelia, Desdemona, Cedo Nulli, and Queen of Wurtemberg by Dr Howard. Widnall's Juliet (superb,) Brown's Beauty, Buist's Mrs Rushton, Middlesex Rival, and Conqueror of Europe, by Hovey & Co. Fowler's Queen Victoria, (very fine form) by Col. Wilder. Dennisii, Widnall's Perfection, Lady Ann, Napoleon, Jackson's Rival Yellow, Cleopatra, Desdemona, by S. Walker.

*Bouquets*.—from Walker, Kenrick, Winship (very fine), Howard (extra fine), Mason.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1838.

## F L O W E R S .

*Dahlias*.—By J. C. Howard, Esq., Brookline, viz., Lady Fordwich, Prince George, Beauty of Cambridge, Alba Perfectio, Brown's Ophelia, Brown's Desdemona, Dennis's Beauty, Cedo Nulli, Picta Formosissima, Royal William, Queen of Wurtemberg, and Douglass's Augusta.

By W. E. Carter, from the Botanic Garden, Cambridge, Dennis's Perfection, Daniel O'Connell, Duke of Bedford, Metropolitan Calypso, Beauty of Camberwell, and several others.

By S. Sweetster of Cambridgeport, Quilled Perfection.

By S. Walker, Napoleon, Lady Ann, King of Dahlias, Mrs Broadwood, Douglass's Glory, Desdemona, and Urania.

From Samuel Phipps, Esq., of Dorchester, a fine specimen of *Helianthus annuus*, *flore pleno*.

*Bouquets*.—From Messrs. Winship, Hovey, Howard, John Hovey, and others.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1838.

## F R U I T S .

*Pears*—From S. Downer, Urbaniste, Dix, Cushing, and Wurtemberg.

From John Richardson, Beauty of Brussels.

From John Lowell, Beurré Spence, Bergamotte Paysans, Beurré Crappaux.

From Mrs Timothy Bigelow, Bartlett.

From Dr Harris, Bon Chretien.

From E. Vose, Julienne, Duchesse d'Angoulême.

From S. Sweetser, Julienne, Fulton, Beurré Diel.

From D. Parks, Bartlett.

*Apples*.—From S. Downer, Porter.

From J. De Wolf, Spice Sweeting.

From Hon E. Vose, Summer Pearmain.

From John Warren, American Nonpareil.

*Peaches*.—From S. Phipps, Red Rareripe, Royal George

From Hon E. Vose, a Seedling.

From Mrs. Bigelow, Rareripe.

*Nectarines*.—From J. C. Howard, "Violet."

From Thomas Mason, Elruge, Broomfield, Brugnon.

*Plums*.—From S. Pond, Smith's Orleans, Corse's Field Marshal, White Gage, Duane's Purple.

From Messrs Winship's, Small Plums, raised from stones brought from beyond the Rocky Mountains.\*

*Grapes*.—From S. Downer, Miller's Burgundy.

From J. C. Howard, Isabella, Sweetwater.

From Mrs Sarah Jones, White Sweetwater.

\* We hope these will be preserved for botanical interest. J. L. R.

MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S

ANNUAL MEETING.

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EXHIBITION OF FLOWERS.

“ ————— Let one great day  
To celebrated sports and *floral* play  
Be set aside!”

THE annual exhibition of Flowers and Fruits by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, took place at their Rooms, 23 Tremont Row, on *Wednesday*, *Thursday*, and *Friday*, 19th, 20th, and 21st of September.

The specimens of Fruit (the particulars of which are here given by the Chairman of the Fruit Committee) were very fine, and exceeded, both in quantity and quality those of any former season.

Owing to the extreme heat of the weather, and the continued drought in July and August, Autumn's Queen, (the gorgeous) Dahlia, did not appear at the exhibition in all her glory. But notwithstanding the almost total failure of the Dahlia bloom, the floral part of the show was much better than our friends or ourselves anticipated. When it was made known to the cultivators, and to the lovers of flowers, that the place of the Dahlia must be filled up, by such cut flowers as could be procured, the disposition to contribute became general, and the supply was equal to our wants. Before the appointed hour had arrived to open the Rooms for the public, every phial, dish and basket, was filled, and all were in readiness for the inspection, and we trust, gratification, of those interested in Flora and Pomona.

The contributors will please accept our thanks and acknowledgments, for their liberal contributions, and their kind aid. That we should not omit in our annexed statement, the name of any contributor, or an account of any specimens sent for exhibition, we solicited the favor of a communication giving us a list of the plants or flowers omitted, that they might be added to our report.

Hon. John Lowell of Roxbury, offered, *Pandanus utilis*, *Eugenia myrtifolia*, *Araucaria excelsa*, (rare and valuable.) This is a most superb plant. The inhabitants of Chili call this noble ornament of their forests *arau-canos*. "This genus" Sweet observes "may be termed the handsomest genus of plants with which we are acquainted." *Bignonia discolor*, *Acrostichum alcicorne*, *Asplenium* (?) *Casuarina equisetifolia*.

From J. P. Cushing, Esq., Watertown. *Astrapæa Wallichii*, *Epiphyllum Ackermannii*, *Maranta Zebrina*, *Amaryllis Belladonna*, (several pots in bloom,) *Hippeastrum*, (seedlings in bloom,) *Erica glauca*, *Alpinia nutans*, *Rochea falcata*, *Trevirana coccinea*, *Phœnix dactylifera*, *Mespilus* (?) and a fine cut blossom of *Crinum amabile*.

From Marshall P. Wilder, Esq., of Hawthorn Grove, Dorchester. *Stanhopea quadricornis*, (Air plant from South America in fine bloom.) "The true species of this genus," says Loudon, "are beyond comparison the most delightful productions of the vegetable world." This specimen was very beautiful, and was greatly admired. *Maranta Zebrina*, *Acacia*, (four varieties,) *Ardisia crenulata*, *Mannettia glabra*, *Erythrina Crista-galli*, *Nerine Fothergillii*, &c.

From John Lemist, Esq., of Roxbury. *Citrus myrtifolia*, (two plants,) *Erica cruenta*, (two plants,) *Cycas revoluta*, *Ilex aureo-marginata*, and a very splendid Bouquet.

From Mrs Bigelow, of Medford, two very fine specimens

of *Cupressus stricta*.\* These plants were placed at the entrance of the rooms and made a handsome appearance.

From John C. Gray, Esq., two very fine specimens of Cockscomb.

From the Botanic Garden, Cambridge, by W. E. Carter. *Ficus elastica*, *Ficus australis*, *Diosma ericoides*, *Taxus Chinensis*, *Strelitzia regina*, *Begonia Evansiana*, *Laurus crassifolia*, do. *exaltata*, do. *indica*, *Banksia*, *Rhododendron arboreum*, do. *hybridum*, *Eugenia australis*, *Pelargoniums*, *Erica Caffra*, do. *concinna*, *Erica empetroides*, *Myrtus flore pleno*, do. *narrow leaved*, three seedling *Camellia japonica*, *Metrosideros saligna*, *Eriobotrya japonica*, *Bauera rubiæfolia*, *Acacia divaricata*, *Magnolia grandiflora*, *Eucalyptus perfoliata*, *Ilex crassifolia*, *Myrtus mucronata*, *Melastoma nepalensis*, *Acacia* sp. do. *saligna*, *Hakea*, sp. Double-flowering Myrtle, *Acacia decipiens*, *Petunia hybrida*, *Fuschia grandiflora*, *Lantana Cammara*, *Melaleuca tenuifolia*, *Calothamnus pubescens*, do. *quadrifida*, *Menziesia globularis*, *Bouvardia coccinea*, *Beaufortia decussata*.

From Messrs Winship, of Brighton, *Cassia sophora*, *Citrus nobilis minor*, in fine fruit, *Eugenia Australis*, *Agave Americana variegata*, *Sparmannia Africana*, two varieties of *Cyclamen persicum*, *Vinca rosea*, *Aucuba japonica*, *Gloxinia speciosa*, *Eupatorium odoratum*, *Maranta Zebrina*, *Erica gracilis*, and *spuria*, *Vallota purpurea*, *Mespilus japonica*, *Atriplex halimus*, *Asclepias persicæfolia*, *Begonia argyrostigma*, *Ficus elasticus*, *Daphne variegata*, *Laurus*, *communis fol: variegata*, *Ruscus racemosus*, in fruit, *Melaleuca diosmæfolia*.

From H. Bowditch, Boston, fine specimens of Myrtles and Orange trees in fruit, *Aloysia citriodora*, *Fuchsia*, *Erica*, *Acacia*, &c.

From Messrs Hovey, *Oxalis Boweii*.

\* The elegant Cypress of Italy. J. L. R.

From John Hovey, Roxbury, Yellow tea rose, *Verbena melindris*, *Passiflora racemosa*.

From Mr Mason, of Charlestown, *Phyllica ericoides*, *Acacia armata*, and two other varieties, *Verbena melindris*, great variety of double ten week Stocks, *Viburnum tinus*, three varieties of *Erica*, *Rhododendron arboreum*, Orange tree with fruit, and *Diosma ericoides*.

From William Meller, Roxbury, four plants *Citrus Decumana*.

From Dr J. C. Howard, Woodland, Brookline, a fine specimen of *Yucca* and other plants.

From Thomas Lee, Esq., Brookline, several beautiful little plants in bloom and a great variety of cut flowers, Roses, &c.

From J. D. W. Williams, Esq., Roxbury, *Taxus communis*, *Callistenum lanceolatum*.

From T. Rundle, Fig and Dwarf apple tree, both in fruit.

From John Arnold, Boston, *Camellia japonica alba plena*, in fine bloom.

*Dahlias*.—From Col. Wilder, *var.* Suffolk Hero, Elphinstone's Diana, do. purple Perfection, Marquis of Northampton, Conqueror of Europe, Brown's quilled Perfection, &c.

From E. Breed, Esq., Charlestown, Widnall's Triumphant.

From Messrs Hovey, *var.* Mrs Rushton, Liberty, Juliet, Rival Yellow, Middlesex Rival, Conqueror of Europe, *Rosa Superba*, Ruby, Diadem of Flora, &c.

From Dr. J. C. Howard, *var.* Prince George, Ophelia, Royal William, Countess of Liverpool, Dennisii, Beauty of Cambridge, Desdemona, Alba purpurea, Picta formosissima, Lady Fordwich, &c.

From Messrs Winship, *var.* Countess of Liverpool, Royal William, Barrett's Susanna, Prince George of Cumberland, Dutchess of Buccleugh, &c.

From the Botanic Garden, Cambridge, by W. E. Carter,

Dennis's Perfection, Lord Liverpool, Dennisii, Countess of Liverpool, Prince George, Ophelia, Mrs Broadwood, Desdemona, Augusta, *Picta formosissima*.

From Jno. Richardson, Dorchester, var. Lord Liverpool, Countess of Mansfield, Dennisii.

From W. Phipps, Esq., and W. Farnsworth, Esq., of Roxbury, each a few fine flowers.

From Messrs O. and W. Wales of Dorchester, var. Red Rover, Lady Fordwich, Widnall's Perfection, Dennisii, and Dutchess of Buccleugh.

On the second and third days of exhibition, there was a basket of choice specimen handed to the committee, with a request they would be placed in the stands *incog*. The request was complied with. All that we feel permitted to say in our report is, that the flowers were much admired; we classed them among the fairest of the *fair*.

By Samuel Walker of Roxbury, Dahlias, var. Napoleon, Desdemona, Dennisii, King of Dahlias, Metropolitan, Calypso, Widnall's Perfection, Mrs Broadwood, Dutchess of Buccleugh, Jackson's Rival Yellow, Lady Ann, Douglass' Glory, Belledonna, Atropurpurea, Granta, Wells' White, Harding's Bride, Ophelia, Beauty of Cambridge, Urania, Barrett's Susanna, and Beauty of Bedford.

*Bouquets*.—From Mrs J. H. Gardner of Roxbury; Dr J. C. Howard of Brookline; John Lemist, Esq., of Roxbury; W. E. Carter of Cambridge; Messrs Hovey, and S. Sweetser, Esq., of Cambridgeport; Messrs Winship, W. Kenrick, Newton, and S. Walker.

A small bouquet, presented by Mrs E. Breed, of Charlestown, containing specimens of *Stapelia variegata*, and *Bignonia Evansiana*, was much admired.

Cut flowers of various descriptions from T. Lee, Esq., Col. Wilder, E. Breed, Esq., Hon. E. Vose, Messrs Richardson, Phipps, Farnsworth, Garduer, Sweetser, Breck,

Warren, Winship, Hovey & Co., John Hovey, Mason, Meller, and Carter.

From Joseph Beck & Co., a superb collection of German Asters of every variety. Thirteen distinct varieties of *Zinnia elegans*, of the following colors :—white, blush, pink, violet, light purple, dark purple, salmon, yellow, orange, light scarlet, dark scarlet, light crimson, and deep crimson. Specimens of *Euphorbia variegata*, *Centaurea* of sorts ; improved variegated, and other Marigolds, together with a great variety of other annuals, and cut flowers.

The wreaths were made and presented by Messrs D. Haggerston, J. W. Russell, and E. Sayers.

We shall close our report with a few brief remarks, and some quotations from various authors on the love, and use made of flowers by the inhabitants of several parts of the world.

“Flowers !” says Mr. Bowring, “what a hundred associations the word brings to my mind ! Of what countless songs, sweet and sacred, delicate and divine, are they the subject ! A flower in England, [and we will add, in America,] is something to the botanist,—but only if it be rare ; to the florist,—but only if it be beautiful ; even the poet and the moralizer seldom bend down to its eloquent silence. The peasant never utters to it an ejaculation—the ploughman (all but one) carelessly tears it up with his share—no maiden thinks of wreathing it—no youth aspires to wear it : but in Spain ten to one but it becomes a minister of love, that it bears the voice of poetry, that it crowns the brow of beauty. Thus how sweetly an anonymous *cancionero* sings :

“Put on your brightest richest dress,  
Wear all your gems, blest vale of ours !  
My fair one comes in her loveliness,  
She comes to gather flowers.

“Garland me wreaths, thou fertile vale,  
Woods of green your coronets bring ;  
Pinks of red, and lilies pale,  
Come with your fragrant offering.

Mingle your charms of hue and smell,  
Which Flora wakes in her spring-tide hours!  
My fair one comes across the dell,  
She comes to gather flowers.

“Twilight of morn! from thy misty tower  
Scatter the trembling pearls around,  
Hang up thy gems on fruit and flower,  
Bespangle the dewy ground!  
Phœbus, rest on thy ruby wheels—  
Look, and envy this world of ours;  
For my fair one now descends the hills,  
She comes to gather flowers.

“List! for the breeze on wings serene  
Through the light foliage sails;  
Hidden amidst the forest green  
Warble the nightingales!  
Hailing the glorious birth of day  
With music’s best, divinest powers.  
Hither my fair one bends her way,  
She comes to gather flowers.”

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It was, perhaps, the general power of sympathy upon the subject of plants, which caused them to be connected with some of the earliest events that history records. The mythologies of all nations are full of them; and in all times they have been associated with the soldiery, the government, and the arts. Thus the patriot was crowned with oak; the hero and the poet with bay; and beauty with the myrtle. Peace had her olive; Bacchus his ivy; and whole groves of oak-trees were thought to send out oracular voices in the winds. One of the most pleasing parts of state-splendor has been associated with flowers, as Shakspeare seems to have had in his mind when he wrote that beautiful line respecting the accomplished prince, Hamlet:

“The expectancy and rose of the fair state.”

It was this that brought the gentle family of roses into such unnatural broils in the civil wars: and still the united countries of Great Britain have each a floral emblem: Scotland

has its thistle, Ireland its Shamrock, and England the rose. France, under the Bourbons, had the golden lily.

The different festivals in England, have each their own peculiar plant or plants, to be used in their celebration ; at Easter the willow as a substitute for the palm ; at Christmas, the holly and the mistletoe ; on May-day every flower in bloom, but particularly the hawthorn or May-bush. In Persia they have a festival called the Feast of Roses, which lasts the whole time they are in bloom. Formerly, it was the custom, and still is in some parts of the country, to scatter flowers on the celebration of a wedding, a christening, or even of a funeral.

It was formerly the custom also, to carry garlands before the bier of a maiden, and to hang them, and scatter flowers over her grave :

The Queen scattering flowers :

“ Sweets to the sweet. Farewell !  
I hoped thy bride-bed to have decked, sweet maid,  
And not have strewed thy grave.”

HAMLET, Act v. Scene 1.

In Tripoli, on the celebration of a wedding, the baskets of sweetmeats, &c. sent as wedding presents, are covered with flowers ; and although it is well known that they frequently communicate the plague, the inhabitants will even prefer running the risk, when that dreadful disease is abroad, rather than lose the enjoyment they have in their love of flowers. When a woman in Tripoli dies, a large bouquet of fresh flowers, if they can be procured, if not, of artificial, is fastened at the head of the coffin. Upon the death of a Moorish lady of quality, every place is filled with fresh flowers and burning perfumes : at the head of the body is placed a large bouquet, of part artificial, and part natural, and richly ornamented with silver : and additions are continually made to it. The author who describes these customs also mentions a lady of high rank, who regularly attended the tomb of her daughter, who

had been three years dead ; she always kept it in repair, and, with the exception of the great mosque, it was one of the grandest in Tripoli. From the time of the young lady's death, the tomb had always been supplied with the most expensive flowers, placed in beautiful vases ; and, in addition to these, a great quantity of fresh Arabian Jessamines, threaded on thin slips of the palm leaf, were hung in festoons and tassels about this revered sepulchre. The mausoleum of the royal family, which is called the *Turbar*, is of the purest white marble, and is filled with an immense quantity of fresh flowers ; most of the tombs being dressed with festoons of Arabian Jessamine and large bunches of variegated flowers, consisting of Orange, Myrtle, Red and White Roses, &c. They afford a perfume which those who are not habituated to such choice flowers can scarcely conceive. The tombs are mostly of white, a few inlaid with colored marble. A manuscript Bible, which was presented by a Jew to the Synagogue, was adorned with flowers ; and silver vases filled with flowers were placed upon the ark which contained the sacred MS.\*

The ancients used wreaths of flowers in their entertainments, not only for pleasure, but also from a notion that their odor prevented the wine from intoxicating them ; they used other perfumes on the same account. Beds of flowers are not merely fictitious. The Highlanders of Scotland commonly sleep on heath, which is said to make a delicious bed ; and beds are, in Italy, often filled with the leaves of trees, instead of down or feathers. It is an old joke against the effeminate Sybarites, that one of them complaining he had not slept all night, and being asked the reason why, said that a rose-leaf had got folded under him.

In Naples, and in the vale of Cachemere (I have been told also that it sometimes occurs in Chester,) gardens are form-

\* See Tully's Narrative of a Residence in Tripoli.

ed on the roofs of houses : “ On a standing roof of wood is laid a covering of fine earth, which shelters the building from the great quantity of snow that falls in the winter season. This fence communicates an equal warmth in winter, as a refreshing coolness in summer, when the tops of the houses, which are planted with a variety of flowers, exhibit at a distance the spacious view of a beautiful chequered parterre.” The famous hanging gardens of Babylon were on the enormous walls of that city.

A garden usually makes a part of every Paradise, even of Mahomet’s, from which women are excluded,—women, whom gallantry has so associated with flowers, that we are told, in the Malay language, one word serves for both.\* In Milton’s Paradise, the occupation of Adam and Eve was to tend the flowers, to prune the luxuriant branches, and support the roses, heavy with beauty. Poets have taken pleasure in painting gardens in all the brilliancy of imagination. See the garden of Alcinous in Homer’s *Odyssey* ; those of Morgana, Alcina, and Armida, in the Italian poets : the gardens fair

“ Of Hesperus and his daughters three,  
Who sing about the golden tree ;”

and Proserpina’s garden, and the Bower of Bliss in Spenser’s *Fairie Queene*. The very mention of their name seems to embower one in leaves and blossoms.

It is a matter of some taste to arrange a bouquet of flowers judiciously ; even in language, we have a finer idea of colors, when such are placed together as look well together in substance. Do we read of white, purple, red, and yellow flowers, they do not present to us so exquisite a picture, as if we read of yellow and purple, white and red. Their arrangement has been happily touched upon by some of our poets :

\* See *Lalla Rookh*, page 303. Sixth edition.

—————“Th’ Azores send  
 Their jessamine ; her jessamine, remote  
 Caffraria: foreigners from many lands,  
 They form one social shade, as if convened  
 By magic summons of th’ Orphean lyre.  
 Yet just arrangement, rarely brought to pass  
 But by a master’s hand, disposing well  
 The gay diversities of leaf and flower,  
 Must lend its aid t’ illustrate all their charms,  
 And dress the regular, yet various scene.  
 Plant behind plant aspiring, in the van  
 The dwarfish ; in the rear retired, but still  
 Sublime above the rest, the statelier stand.”

COWPER.

What is here said on the subject of arrangement is of course addressed to those who are unacquainted with botany ; those who study that delightful science will, most probably prefer a botanical arrangement, observing however to place the smaller plants of each division next the spectator, and thus proceeding gradually to the tallest and most distant ; so that the several divisions will form strips irregular in their width.

A friend has obliged me, says a celebrated writer, with the following lines, paraphrased from the Greek of Meleager. “This delicious little Greek poem,” says he, “is one of those which I always seem to scent the very odor of, as if I held a bunch of flowers to my face.

“A flowery crown will I compose—  
 I’ll weave the crocus, weave the rose ;  
 I’ll weave narcissus, newly wet,  
 The hyacinth, and violet ;  
 And myrtle shall supply me green,  
 And lilies laugh in light between :  
 That the rich tendrils of my beauty’s hair

May burst into their crowning flowers, and light the painted air.”

Reported per order, by

S. WALKER,  
*Chairman of Committee of Arrangements,  
 and of Committee of Flowers.*

## EXHIBITION OF FRUITS.

The exhibition of the fruits, of all kinds, far surpassed that of all former years, not only in the variety, but also in the increased proportion of the new and finest kinds, which never yet have been seen or known at any former exhibition. Generally speaking, all the fruits which were on these days exhibited, were fine. The fruits offered by Messrs Manning and Ives, whose gardens are contiguous, occupied nearly the whole of the Western table, and amongst those especially of Mr Manning were many of the new kinds of Pears, so lately introduced, and which are now fast coming into bearing. These above constituted the finest selection of the kind, which has ever yet been witnessed in the country.

The following is the account of the exhibition.

From the Hon. John Lowell, specimens of two varieties of Pears; one the Beurré Spence, which M. Van Mons had once designated as the finest pear he had ever raised; the specimen an oblong good sized fruit, contracted near the summit, of a yellow russetty color, the flavor delicious. Also the Beurré Crappaud, another variety sent to Mr Lowell by the Chevalier Parmentier of Enghien; a fruit of medium size and turbinate form, bright scarlet next the sun and yellow in the shade, beurré and of delicious flavor.

From the Hon. Mr Vose, President of the Society.

*Pears.*—Williams Bon Chretien, Andrews, Passe Colmar, Lewis, Napoleon, Duchesse D'Angoulême, Urbaniste, Broca's Bergamotte, Julienne, Mouille Bouche.

*Apples.*—Hawthorndean, English Codlin, Large Red Sweeting.

*Peaches.*—Grosse Mignonne, George IV., Red and Yellow Rareripe.

*Grapes.*—Chasselas; and an ornamented basket of fruit.

*Melons.*—A fine large yellow variety of the Rock Melon from Paris.

Presented by S. Walker, from the garden of Madam Eustis, Roxbury, a fine specimen of Sweetwater *Grapes*, of out-door culture. Also a large basket of fine *Peaches*.

From J. L. Moffat, Esq. Roxbury, a basket of yellow Tomatoes.

From Enoch Barlett, Esq., Vice President of the Society.

*Pears*.—Bartlett or Williams Bon Chretien, Sylvanthe Verte, Wurtemberg, Dix.

*Apples*.—Ribstone Pippin.

*Lemon Peaches*.

From Mr Downer, a variety of fine fruits as follows.

*Pears*.—Heathcot, Beurré d'Aremberg, Passe Colmar, Dix, Knight's seedling, Bezi Vaet, Forelle, Iron, Lewis, Cattillac, Buerré Diel, Roi de Wurtemberg, Williams Bon Chretien, Andrews, Moorfowl Egg, and Wilkinson.

*Apples*.—Pumpkin sweeting, Siberian Crab, Pomme d'api, Pound, Porter, Seaver sweet, Hales, Lyscom, Nonesuch, Gardener's sweeting, Spice and other varieties.

*Grapes*.—Isabella, Catawba, Miller's Burgundy, white Chasselas, and another variety, all from the open air.

*Peaches*.—Rareripe.

From Mr Richards, numerous fine specimens as follows.

*Pears*.—Harvard.

*Apples*.—Ribstone pippin, and Fall Sops of wine.

*Peaches*.—Two varieties, one a seedling.

From Messrs Winship of Brighton, beautiful specimens of the *Shepardia Eleagnoides*, consisting of branches loaded with fruit; the fruit fine for jellies and preserves, and highly grateful to the taste when ameliorated by frost.

From William Oliver, of Dorchester.

*Pears*.—Dix, Wurtemberg, Broca's Bergamotte, St. Ghislain, Duchesse D'Angoulême.

*Peaches*.—President, Petite Mignonne.

*Grapes*.—Chasselas, very fine, open culture.

From Mrs Bourne of Boston, Clingstone peach.

From John Arnold of Milton.

*Grapes.*—Black Hamburgh, two fine clusters, one weighing 2 3-4 lbs., and the other 3 3-4 lbs. ; also fine clusters of the Muscat of Lunel.

From George Newhall of Dorchester.

*Pears.*—Wurtemberg and Fulton, Williams Bon Chretien, and Broca's Bergamotte.

*Apples.*—Porter and Pearmain.

*Peaches.*—Jacques Rareripe, Moore's Rareripe, Yellow Red Rareripe, a seedling variety, also another large Yellow Seedling Rareripe, very fine.

From E. Breed, Esq. of Charlestown.

*Pears.*—Orange, Julienne, Seckle, Duchesse D'Angoujême, and Williams Bon Chretien.

*Plums.*—Green Gage.

*Grapes.*—White Muscat of Alexandria, and a basket containing fine peaches and a variety of other fruits.

From Wm. Meller of Roxbury.

*Grapes.*—Black Hamburg, and Sweetwater.

*Peaches.*—Seedling varieties.

From Joseph Balch of Roxbury.

*Pears.*—Blanquette, Williams on Chretien, and a variety from France.

*Apples.*—A variety from England.

*Grapes.*—A basket of Black Hamburg, and Black Prince, &c. all fine.

From Messrs Mason of the Charlestown Vineyard.

*Grapes.*—Purple Constantia, Lombardy, Black Hamburg, and White Chasselas. All affording ample evidence of the most skilful cultivation.

From Isaac P. Davis, Esq., of the city. Black Apple of Coxé, resembling polished ebony. A most beautiful fruit from the garden of Mr. Cushing at Belmont, from a dwarf tree received from France.

From Dr J. C. Howard, Woodland, in Brookline.

*Pears.*—Golden Beurré, Cambridge, St. Michael, Beurré Rouge, and Bergamotte.

*Apples.*—Maiden's Blush or Hawthorndean Greening, and Ruddy Greening.

*Grapes.*—Miller Burgundy, White Chasselas, and Black Hamburg, two splendid bunches of the latter on one lateral shoot, weighing together 5 lbs. 4 oz. ; also, from out of door culture, Sweetwater, and Isabella.

Col. M. P. Wilder sent for exhibition the following kinds of fruit.

*Pears.*—D'Aremberg, Belle et Bonne, Alpha, Glout Morceau, Buerré Thouin, St. Michael's, Archangel, D'Amaulis, Beurré Van Marum, Bergamotte de Paques, Bourgo-mestre of Boston, Passe Colmar, Sageret, Easter Buerré, Heathcot, Wurtemberg, Buerré Diel, Bleecker's Meadow, a pear imported for Urbaniste, and a pear name unknown from France. Fortunée, a new and celebrated pear, but not yet at maturity : also Kenrick Pear from Van Mons, but may be wrong.

*Plums.*—Coe's Golden Drop. Also the Black Rock Musk melon.

From B. V. French from his estate in Braintree, the following kinds.

*Pears.*—Cushing, Harvard, Wilkinson, Roman Beurré, Long Green, Saint Lezin, Old Winter, Roi de Wurtemberg, Williams Bon Chretien, Tillington, Spanish Bon Chretien, King's Bon Chretien.

*Apples.*—Monstrous Pippin, Yellow Bellflower, Ortleypippin, Mela Carla, Fameuse, Duke of Wellington, Hawthorndean, Fall Sopsavine, Garden Royal, Devonshire Quarendon, Porter, Dutch Codlin, Garden Striped, Yellow Newton Pippin, Sweet Greening, Nonsuch, Sour sweet, Black Apple, Courtpendu Plat, Wells' Pippin, Royal do., Scarlet

Nonpareil, English do., Danvers Sweet, Red Doctor, High top Sweeting, Esopus Spitzenberg, Green Everlasting, Bun, Newark King, Snow, King of the Pippins, Fearn's Pippin, Conway, Osgood, Ribstone Pippin, Alexander, Vandavere, Jonathan, Surprise, Priestly, Moor's Red Winter, Cumberland Spice, Pumpkin Spice, Mela de Rosemarino, French Bellflower, Golden Reinette, Reinette de Automn, Templeton winter Sweet, Russett, Long Nonesuch, Old Pearmain, Side Hill, Lady Finger, Greening, Lewis, French's Sweet, Seaver Sweet, York Russett, Downton Pippin, Pomme D'Api, Siberian Crab, Murphy, Bourassa, Virginia, Rock, Adam's Sweeting, Red Calville.

*Melons.*—Long Carolina Water, Pine, Green Flesh.

*Plums.*—Red Queen's Mother, a fine fruit.

From Ebenezer Holden of Dorchester, Porter Apples, a beautiful specimen.

From Dr J. Greene of Groton, the Foundling apple, a fine looking large red fruit.

From Dr Joel Burnett of Southboro', specimens of Burnett pear.

From William Kenrick, Duchess D'Angoulême pear.

From John Rayner, Brown Buerré, Broca's Bergamotte, and St. Michael pears.

From Mr. Haggerston.

*Grapes.*—Black Hamburgh, &c., from the garden of Mr Cushing at Belmont, specimens of the most perfect cultivation.

From Dr Z. B. Adams from his garden in Pearl street. Fine specimens of the old St. Michael which is still generally fine in Boston. Also Seckel.

From Richard Ward of Roxbury.

*Pears.*—Seckel, Williams Bon Chretien or Bartlett, Andrews, and Pondlilly, Wurtemberg, and Bergamotte.

*Peaches.*—Old Mixon, Red Rareripe, Sweetwater, Yellow Rareripe, White do., Cooledge's Favorite, Jacques, Franklin Seedling.

From A. D. Williams.

*Pears*.—Williams Bon Chretien, Summer Thorn, Harvard; also Williams Seedling, small, turbinate in form, and handsome, fine scarlet next the sun.

*Apples*.—Fall, Sopsavine, Porter, and Horn Apple, a large red beautiful fruit.

*Grapes*.—Several very large and beautiful clusters of Black Hamburg.

From Mr Sweetser of Cambridgeport.

*Pears*.—Fulton, Andrews, Chelmsford, Julienne, Seckel, and Williams Bon Chretien.

From John Barnard of Dorchester, a pear, name unknown.

From Mr Eames of Framingham, specimens of an apple from Detroit, a large, splendid red fruit.

From Rufus Howe of Dorchester, Urbaniste Pears.

From Joshua Gardner, Dorchester.

*Pears*.—Cushing.

*Apples*.—Gravenstein, and Pomme D'Api or Lady Apple, beautiful specimens.

From George Brown, Beverly.

*Pears*.—A variety without name from France, said to be fine; a variety from Holland, a winter fruit, Seckel, and Brown Beurré.

*Apples*.—A large fine Sweeting, a superior fruit, Pomme D'Api, and the Drap D'Or of Coxe.

From J. Hovey, a basket of Grapes of out-door cultivation.

From C. F. W. of Charlestown, Isabella Grapes.

From Alexander McLennan, from Oaklands in Watertown, Pomme D'Api and a variety of fine Peaches, &c.

From Charles Johnson of Weston, and from the farm formerly owned by Capt John Mackay of this city, Hawthornean apples, very beautiful.

From Mrs T. Bigelow of Medford.

*Apples.*—Monstrous Pippin, and beautiful specimens of Red apples from France.

*Peaches.*—Some fine specimens.

*Grapes.*—Fine Chasselas, and Black Hamburg, Shadocks very large, from her green-house, (a variety of *Citrus* or Orange tree.)

From the garden of Mr Lemist of Roxbury, fine Black Hamburg Grapes ; also a tree of the Lime in fruit.

From Samuel Pond, from his garden at Cambridgeport.

*Pears.*—Beurré Diel, Cushing, Wurtemberg, and Andrews.

*Plums.*—White Gage, and a variety supposed to be Huling's superb, Corse's Field Marshal, Blue Imperatrice, a fine fruit which sometimes has been called Semiana ; also Duane's Purple Plum. All the Plums exhibited by Mr Pond were exceedingly fine ; and Duane's Purple was very large and superb. Mr Pond has been very successful with Plums, having raised large quantities of this fine fruit during the past season. His situation is highly protected, the soil low, flat, moist, and but recently reclaimed from a salt marsh. Though very bad and not at all suited to the Peach, it proves fine for the Plum.

From L. Baldwin, Esq., of Brighton.

*Apples.*—Specimens of very large Red, of fine appearance.

From John Hill of West Cambridge, Lemon Rareripe so called, a synonyme of Yellow Red Rareripe, the specimens very superb. This is one of the finest of all Peaches.

From J. L. L. F. Warren, from his garden at Brighton, an ornamented basket of fruit as follows.

*Pears.*—Seckel.

*Apples.*—Baldwin, Greening, Autumn superb, Porter, Lady Apple, Siberian Crab.

*Peaches.*—Royal George, George IV., Melecoton,\* Royal Kensington, Warren's Favorite.

\* Melecoton, Italian, *literally* cotton apple.

*Plums.*—Damson.

*Melons.*—Cantaloupe, and Green Citron.

*Grapes.*—Chasselas, Black Hamburgh, Purple, Malaga and Isabella.

Mr. Coolidge, from his garden, Cambridge street, Boston.

*Plums.*—A fine looking yellow, oblong, and excellent fruit.

From Messrs S. & G. Hyde of Newton, a large collection of fine fruit of varieties as follows.

*Pears.*—Forelle, Seckel, Coffin's Virgalieu, Urbaniste, Tucker's Bon Chretien.

*Apples.*—Doctor Sweeting, High Top Sweeting, Winter Pumpkin Sweeting, Fall Sopsavine, Pound Apple, Hubbardston Nonsuch, Greening from South Reading, Dutch Codlin, Flanders Pippin, Gravenstein, Smith's Gilliflower, Berlin Apple, Ben Apple, Pæony Apple, Vandevere, July Flower, Bough Harvest, Fenner Sapsons, Coggswell, Grand Sachem, Red Calville, Washington Pearmain, Lyscom, Scalloped Gilliflower. This last with many others were very beautiful.

Also *Watermelons*, of extraordinary size, one weighing 39 3-4 lbs. and one 44 3-4 lbs.

From Philip P. Spaulding of Chelmsford.

*Apples.*—A seedling Green Apple, and another seedling fruit, also a new French fruit called Mons le Cure, and another, De Marseilles, a noble large red fruit of fine flavor.

From Mr Ives from his garden in Dearborn street, Salem.

*Pears.*—Beurré Capiaumont of Van Mons, Frederic of Wurtemberg, Raymond, Beurré Bosc, Andrews, Bleecker's Meadow, Bourgomestre of Boston, Napoleon, St. Germain Panache or striped St. Germain, a new and curious striped fruit, similar in form to St. Germain, but the specimens were not quite so large. Passe Colmar, Cushing, Lewis, and a new Flemish variety, name lost.

*Apples.*—Pickman, Swaar, Michael Henry Pippin, Mela Carla, but not that kind which has been so lately received

from the London Horticultural Society ; Wellington, Rambo or Romanite, Carthouse or Gilpin, Bullock's Pippin.

From Mr Manning's garden, Dearborn Street, Salem, the following specimens, many of them new and rare and such as have never yet been produced in this country.

*Pears.*—Andrews, Green Catherine of Coxe, Jackman's Melting, large and handsome, Autumn superb, Belle Lucrative, Belle et Bonne, Beurré Diel, Easter Beurré, Brown Buerre, large and handsome, from a Standard Tree, Bezi Montigny, Bishop's Thumb, Bleekers Meadow, Bon Chretien Fondante, Williams Bon Chretien, Spanish Bon Chretien, Fondante de Brest, Catillac, Cumberland, Cushing, Doyenne Gris, D'Angoulême, Glout Morceau, Green Sugar, Hacon's Incomparable, Harvard, Henry Quatre, Jalousie, Johonnot, Lewis, Marie Louise, Monsieur Jean, Long Green of Coxe, Long Green of Autumn of new edition of Duhamel, Naumkeag, Newtown Vergalieu, Winter Orange, Passe Colmar, Pope's Quaker, Prince's St. Germain, Rousselette de Rheims, Rousselette Panache, (new,) Winter Royal, St. Ghislain, Sieulle, Stevens' Genessee, (new,) Styrian, Surpass St. Germain, Swan's Egg of Coxe, Egg Pear of Duhamel, Urbaniste, Washington, Beurré Bolwiller, Beurré Comte du Fresnel, Beurré Duval, Hooper's Bilboa, large and beautiful, (new,) Figue de Naples, Frederic of Prussia, Fulton, Garnstone, Green Pear of Yair, Josephine,\* Louise Bonne of Jersey, fine, large, great bearer, (new,) Roi de Wurtemberg, Present Royal of Naples, Reine des Poires, Surpass Vergouleuse, Beurré Van Marum, Webber's Yellow Autumnal, Alpha, Brugmansbirne, English Autumn Bergamotte, French Autumn Bergamotte, Bezi de Chaumontel, Crassane, Knight's seedling, Coffin's Vergouleuse, Petre, (very superior, great bearer,) Striped Long Green, Wilkinson, Ronville, Cassollette, Summer Thorn of Thoulouse, Doyenne Blanc.—84.

\* *Synonymes*, Jamenette, Austrasia, Sabine of the French.

*Apples*.—Cambuthnethan Pippin, Crowninshield Sweet, (new seedling) fine, two sorts new seedling Crabs, Rambour d'Été, Ortleypippin, Ribstone Pippin, Fall Harvey, Swaar, Yellow Bellflower, Blue Pearmain, Murphy (new, fine, large,) Putnam's Harvey.—13.

From J. Clapp, South Reading ; three fine Melons, beautiful Peaches. Siberian Crabs and Lady Apples, York Russet, and a basket containing Apples, Grapes and Peaches, and Platt's Bergamotte Pear.

From Jacob Dean, Mansfield, Mass. ; Pine Apple Peaches, Hay Boy's Golden Sweet, Golden Russet Apples, large Early Peaches.

From Thomas Banks, Roxbury ; seedling Pear, Beurre du Roi, Andrews, Burgomaster, St. Michael's, Hunt's Connecticut Pears, and Red Calville Apples.

From John A. Kenrick, Newton ; Pumpkin Sweet Apples, Kendrick's Heath Peaches, and fine Orange Quinces.

From Dr Howard, Cambridge ; two baskets containing variety of Pears, Apples, Nectarines, &c.

Large basket of Sweetwater Grapes, raised in the open ground by William Oliver, Esq.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM KENRICK, *Chairman*.

Sept. 28, 1838.

#### VEGETABLES.

Six very large crook neck Squashes, from Samuel Prescott, Elm Hill, Roxbury.

Tomatoes, from John Hovey, Roxbury.

Squash (six feet four inches in circumference, weight 88 lbs.) from seed received from Paris, Mrs Welles.

African Acorn Squash, from T. Thompson, Jr.

Two Drumhead Cabbages, from J. D. W. Williams, Roxbury, Elm Hill : and also two Squashes weighing 24 lbs.

Lima Beans, (extra fine,) Richard Ward, Roxbury.

Crook neck Squash, J. Clapp, South Reading.

Pine Apple Potatoes, and Acorn, Autumnal, and other variety of Squashes (name unknown,) Samuel Pond, Cambridgeport.

Love Apples, (Tomatoes,) Hon. John Lowell, Roxbury.

Sweet Potatoes, from do.

One Chili Squash, from James Eustes, South Reading, (weight 62 lbs.)

One large Potato, from Jonathan Warren, Weston.

Yellow Tomatoes, J. L. Moffatt, Esq., Roxbury.

Autumnal Marrow Squash.

Smyrna or Palermo Squash. A prolific variety, and runs very little, from John M. Ives, Salem.

Mangel Wurtzel, Samuel Hyde, Newton.

Three Valparaiso or Lima Squashes ; one African Blue Skin Squash, from Rufus Howe, Dorchester.

Seven years Pumpkin, from Mrs Timothy Bigelow, Medford. (The above, the growth of last year, and shown at the annual exhibition of 1837.) Weight 46 lbs. in perfect condition, and it is said will remain sound for seven years.

Autumnal Marrow, from Abbott Lawrence, Jr., Park street.

Canada Crook Neck, a *twin connected specimen*, (curious,) from Perez Smith, Weston.

Crook Neck Squash (weight 46 lbs.) from E. Sparhawk, Brighton.

Lima Beans, (superior) from Richard Ward, Roxbury.

Squash mammoth size, 130 lbs. weight, from Capt. George Lee, West Cambridge.

Two Seven Years Pumpkins, weight 81 lbs.

Two baskets Tomatoes.

One basket Horticultural Beans, and Cuba Love Apple,  
from James L. L. F. Warren, Brighton.

SAMUEL POND,  
*Chairman of the "Committee on Vegetables."*

## PREMIUMS AWARDED

BY THE

MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

1838.

### FRUITS.

IN pursuance of a resolve of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for awarding certain premiums on the best specimens of fruits, which may have been exhibited during the year 1838, the committee to whom that subject has been referred, beg leave to report, that the premiums be awarded as follows :

- Pears.* To Samuel Downer, for the best Summer pears, including the Julienne, Bloodgood and Dearborn's Seedlings, a premium of \$5. 00  
To Mr Robert Manning, for the best Autumn pears, including the Francreal d'Eté, Hazel, Belle Lucrative, Golden Beurré of Bilboa, St. Ghislain, Marie Louise, Jalousie, Washington, Louise Bonne de Jersey, &c. a premium of 5. 00  
To Aaron D. Williams, for the best Summer Seedling pear, a premium of 5. 00
- Apples.* To E. M. Richards, for the best Summer apples, including Williams Early, Benoni, Early Sweet Bow, Early Harvest and Early Red Juneating, a premium of 5. 00

- To Joshua Gardner of Dorchester, for the best Autumn apples, the Gravenstein and others, a premium of \$5. 00
- To Benja. V. French, for the best Winter apples, including the Yellow Bellflower, Murphy and Danvers Winter Sweet, a premium of 5. 00
- Cherries.* To Samuel Downer, for the best cherries, Downer's Red Seedling cherry, a premium of 5. 00
- Peaches.* To James L. L. F. Warren, for the best peaches of open culture. Specimens of Early Royal George and George IV., a premium of 5. 00
- To M. P. Sawyer, of the city, for the best peaches raised under glass, a premium of 5. 00
- Plums.* To S. R. Johnson, for the best plums, including the Bolmer's Washington and Green Gage, a premium of 5. 00
- To Samuel Pond for the next best, being fine specimens of Bolmer's Washington, Prince's Imperial Gage and Duane's Purple, a *gratuity* of 5. 00
- Nectarines.* To Thomas Mason, for the best nectarines, a premium of 4. 00
- Quinces.* To E. M. Richards, for the best quinces, Orange and Pear Shaped, a premium of 5. 00
- Grapes.* To J. C. Howard, for the best foreign grapes grown under glass, including the Black Hamburgh and White Chasselas, a premium of 10. 00
- To William Oliver, for the best foreign grapes, out of door culture, the White Chasselas, a premium of 5. 00

- To Thomas Lee, for the best native grapes,  
(Elsinburg,) a premium of \$5. 00
- Gooseberries.* To Samuel Walker, for the best dessert  
gooseberries, included in these were Hop-  
ley's Globe, Gascoigne, Warrington Red,  
Wellington, Golden Gourd, Whitesmith  
and Princess Royal, a premium of 5. 00
- Raspberries.* To J. L. L. F. Warren, for the best  
Red and White Antwerp raspberries, a  
premium of 5. 00
- Strawberries.* To Mr Vose, President of the Society,  
for the best strawberries, Downton and  
Keen's Seedling, a premium of 5. 00
- To Rufus Howe, for the best Early Virginia  
and Bath Scarlet Strawberries, a *gratuity* of 5. 00
- To J. L. L. F. Warren, for the best Methven  
Castle strawberries, and some other fine  
kinds, including a new variety raised by  
him from the seeds of the Methven Cas-  
tle, a *gratuity* of 5. 00
- To Messrs. Hovey & Co., for a new Seedling  
strawberry, raised by them from the seed,  
a *gratuity* of 5. 00
- Currants.* To A. D. Weld of Roxbury, for the best  
White and Red currants, a premium of 2. 00
- Musk Melon.* To Mr Vose, President of the Society,  
for the best Green Fleshed Melons;  
these were the Persian, Minorca, Rock,  
and Cantaloupe, a premium of 3. 00
- To Messrs, S. & G. Hyde, for the best Wa-  
termelons, a premium of 3. 00

For the Committee,

WILLIAM KENRICK, *Chairman.*

## F L O W E R S .

The Committee on Flowers beg leave to report, that they have awarded the following premiums, viz. :

<i>Roses.</i>	For the best display, to Col. Wilder,	\$5. 00
	Do. 24 hardy varieties, do.	3. 00
	Do. 12 do. A. Aspinwall,	2. 00
	Do. 12 China, S. R. Johnson,	3. 00
<i>Hyacinths.</i>	Best display, Hovey & Co.,	5. 00
<i>Carnations.</i>	Best display, Messrs Winships,	5. 00
	Do. six varieties, Thomas Mason,	3. 00
	Do. Seedling, William Meller,	3. 00
<i>Pinks.</i>	Best display, S. Walker,	5. 00
	Do. Seedling, William Meller,	3. 00
<i>Tulips.</i>	Best display, 12 varieties, S. Walker,	8. 00
<i>Violas.</i>	Best display, S. Walker,	5. 00
	Do. Seedling do.	3. 00
<i>Geraniums.</i>	Best display, Col. Wilder,	5. 00
	Do. Seedling, W. Meller,	3. 00
<i>Herbaceous Plants.</i>	Gratuity to Dr J. C. Howard,	5. 00
	Hovey & Co.	5. 00
	S. Walker,	5. 00
	A gratuity to D. Haggerston for a fine specimen of Alpina Mutan,	5. 00
	Do. to W. E. Carter, for Seedling Phlox, <i>alba</i> ,	5. 00
	Per order,	

S. WALKER, *Chairman.*

## V E G E T A B L E S .

The Vegetable Committee award the following premiums, viz. :

	For the best specimens of	
<i>Cucumbers.</i>	To J. L. L. F. Warren,	\$4. 00
<i>Beets.</i>	S. Sweetser,	2. 00

<i>Rhubarb.</i>	S. Pond,	3. 00
<i>Celery.</i>	Dr J. C. Howard,	2. 00
<i>Beans.</i>	(Lima) R. Ward,	3. 00
<i>Squashes.</i>	S. Pond,	3. 00
<i>Cauliflowers.</i>	J. L. L. F. Warren,	3. 00
<i>Brocoli.</i>	do.	3. 00
<i>Peas.</i>	Rufus Howe,	4. 00

SAMUEL POND, *Chairman.*

*Dec.* 1838.

## NOTES.

Page 5. A settlement of that sect called Shakers, established at New Gloucester, Me., originally from the South Shore, (Plymouth County,) have transferred and cultivate the sweet apple, known in that county as the Hight Top Sweeting, a striking evidence of its popularity among the settlers of that part of the country.

Page 6. The Scotch Larch seems peculiarly adapted to the promontory of Nahant, and likely to prove highly advantageous as an arboricultural subject.

Page 6. Several varieties of Pears have fruited, for the first time, in the gardens of Frederic Tudor, Esq., during the summer of 1838.

Page 31. The plum curculio. *Rhynchænus nenuphar*. Herbst (*Rhynchænus Cerasi*, Peck.) See an article on this troublesome insect, published by Prof. Peck, in the fifth volume of the Massachusetts Agricultural Repository, p. 311, with an accompanying plate.

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## ADDENDUM.

Reference has been made on page sixth to the Endicott Pear, as a probable relic of one of the earliest orchards in this vicinity. For a more detailed account, the reader is referred to Note V. of the Ninth Anniversary Address, before the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 1837, by Wm. Lincoln, Esq.

No doubt can be entertained of its being a natural production, from the spiny character of its branches, and from its proving true in fruit, when grown from suckers and cuttings of the root. Valuable as a market pear.

*A statement of the Property of the Massachusetts Horticultural  
Society, January 24th, 1839, viz :*

25 Shares of the Merchants Bank, - - - -	2500 00
5 " " " Oriental " - - - -	500 00
10 " " " Boston and Worcester Rail Road, -	1000 00
	4000 00
Note, with Bank Stock as collateral, - - - -	1000 00
Amount to be received under A. S. Courtes' will, - - - -	5000 00
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, - - - -	829 04
	\$10,829 04

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OF THE

MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY,

WITH THE

ACT OF INCORPORATION,

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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-nine.

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AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same.* That ZEBEDEE COOK, Jr., ROBERT L. EMMONS, WILLIAM WORTHINGTON, B. V. FRENCH, JOHN B. RUSSELL, J. R. NEWELL, CHEEVER NEWHALL, and THOMAS G. FESSENDEN, their associates and Successors, be and they hereby are incorporated under the name and by the description of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for the purpose of encouraging and improving the science and practice of Horticulture, and promoting the amelioration of the various species of trees, fruits, plants, and vegetables, and the introduction of new species and varieties; with power to make by-laws not inconsistent with the Laws of the Commonwealth, for the regulation of said Society, and the management of the same and of its concerns; to receive donations, bequests and devises for promoting the objects of said Society; to lay and collect

assessments on the Members, not exceeding two dollars per annum; to enforce the payment of such assessments by action for the same; to purchase and hold real estate to the amount of ten thousand dollars, and personal estate to the amount of twenty thousand dollars; to elect a Treasurer, Secretary, and other officers—the appointment of which shall be provided for in the by-laws of said Society; the meeting for the election of such officers to be called at the times and in the manner provided in such by-laws; to empower the President, Directors, Comptrollers, Treasurer, Committees, or other Officers or Members, or any Attorneys, Agents, or Representatives of said Society, to transact the business, manage and apply the funds, discharge the functions, and promote the objects thereof; to authorise any of the Members or Officers of said Society to fill vacancies in the various offices of the same that may happen in the intervals between the meetings of the Members for choosing officers; and to commence and defend suits.

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted,* That in case the said Corporation shall at any time contract debts beyond their means and ability to pay at the time of contracting the same, the Officers or other Agents of said Corporation so contracting such debts shall be personally liable for the same.

SECTION 3. *Be it further enacted,* That any Member of said Corporation may cease to be a Member thereof, by giving notice to that effect to the President, Treasurer, Secretary, or other Officers, and paying the amount due from him to the Society.

SECTION 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of the Members of said Corporation may be called by any two or more of the persons named in the first section, by giving one week's notice or more, by advertisement in any newspaper printed in Boston.

SECTION 5. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act may be altered or repealed at the discretion of the Legislature.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 12, 1829.

Passed to be enacted.

WM. B. CALHOUN, *Speaker*.

IN SENATE, JUNE 12, 1829.

Passed to be enacted.

SAMUEL LATHROP, *President*.

June 12th, 1829.

Approved.

LEVI LINCOLN.

A true Copy of the Original Act.

Attest, EDWARD D. BANGS, *Sec'y of the Comm'lth.*

## MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

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### ACT INCORPORATING THE PROPRIETORS OF MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

SECTION 10. *Be it further enacted, as follows:* First, that the present proprietors of lots in the said Cemetery, who shall become members of the corporation created by this act, shall thenceforth cease to be members of the said Horticultural Society, so far as their membership therein depends on their being proprietors of lots in the said Cemetery. Secondly, that the sales of the Cemetery lots shall continue to be made as fast as it is practicable by the corporation created by this act, at a price not less than the sum of sixty dollars for every lot containing three hundred square feet, and so in proportion for any greater or less quantity, unless the said Horticultural Society, and the corporation created by this act, shall mutually agree to sell the same at a less price. Thirdly, that the proceeds of the first sales of such lots, after deducting the annual expenses of the Cemetery establishment, shall be applied to the extinguishment of the present debts due by the said Horticultural Society on account of the said Garden and Cemetery, and after the extinguishment of the said debts, the balance of the said proceeds, and the proceeds of all future sales, shall annually, on the first Monday in every year, be divided between the said Horticultural Society and the corporation created by this act,

in manner following, namely : fourteen hundred dollars shall be first deducted from the gross proceeds of the sales of lots, during the preceding year, for the purpose of defraying the superintendent's salary and other incidental expenses of the Cemetery establishment, and the residue of the said gross proceeds shall be divided between the said Horticultural Society, and the corporation created by this act, as follows, namely : one fourth part thereof, shall be received by and paid over to the said Horticultural Society, on the first Monday of January of every year, and the remaining three fourth parts shall be retained and held by the corporation created by this act, to their own use forever. And if the sales of any year shall be less than fourteen hundred dollars, then the deficiency shall be a charge on the sales of the succeeding year or years. Fourthly, the money so received by the said Horticultural Society, shall be forever devoted and applied by the said Society, to the purposes of an experimental Garden, and to promote the art and science of horticulture, and for no other purpose. And the money so retained by the corporation created by this act, shall be forever devoted and applied to the preservation, improvement, embellishment and enlargement of the said Cemetery, and Garden, and the incidental expenses thereof, and for no other purpose whatsoever. Fifthly, a committee of the said Horticultural Society, duly appointed for this purpose, shall, on the first Monday of January, of every year, have a right to inspect and examine the books and accounts of the treasurer, or other officer acting as treasurer of the corporation created by this act, as far as may be necessary to ascertain the sales of lots of the preceding year.



# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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### SECTION I.

#### *The Officers of the Society.*

THE officers of this Society shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Recording Secretary, who, together with such officers as are provided for by the By-Laws, shall be elected annually, by the ballots of a majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society, and shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are installed in their stead, and in case of any vacancy the same to be filled at any stated meeting.

### SECTION II.

#### *Period of Election.*

The officers of this Society shall be elected on the first Saturday of October, and enter upon their respective duties on the first Saturday of April, ensuing.

## SECTION III.

*The President.*

The duty of the President shall be to preside at all the meetings of the Society ; to keep order ; to state the business lying before the Society ; to state and put questions which shall have been moved and seconded, and, in case of an equal division on any question, to give the casting vote ; to call for accounts and reports from all committees ; to call all extra meetings of the Society, when requested so to do by any five of its members, and generally to execute or superintend the execution of such By-Laws and regulations, as the Society shall from time to time enact or adopt, not otherwise provided for.

## SECTION IV.

*The Vice Presidents.*

In case of the absence of the President from any of the meetings of the Society, it shall be the duty of the senior Vice President (in the order in which they shall have been elected,) then present, to take the chair, who shall for the time, have and exercise all the authority, privileges and power of the President ; and in case neither the President, or either of the Vice Presidents shall be present at any meeting of the Society, the Society shall then choose *viva voce*, a President *pro tempore*, who shall, for the time, be invested with all the power and authority of the President.

## SECTION V.

*The Treasurer.*

The Treasurer shall receive for the use of the Society all sums of money due or payable thereto, and shall keep and disburse the same, as shall be prescribed from time to time, by the regulations and By-Laws of the Society.

## SECTION VI.

*The Corresponding Secretary.*

The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare all letters to be written in the name of the Society, and conduct its correspondence. He shall receive and read all letters and papers addressed to the Society, and shall dispose of them in such manner as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws, or directed by the Society. In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary shall perform his duties under the direction of the President.

## SECTION VII.

*The Recording Secretary.*

The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Society, and shall regularly record the same in a book to be provided and kept for that purpose, and prepare and give notice of all meetings of the Society. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary shall perform his duties. And in the absence of both secretaries the President shall appoint either a Corresponding, or Recording Secretary, or both, *pro tempore*.

## SECTION VIII.

*The Election of Members.*

All elections of members of this Society shall be by ballot. Candidates for admission may be proposed and balloted for at any meeting of the Society regularly notified.

## SECTION IX.

*Annual Assessment.*

Whensoever any member shall, after notice, neglect for the space of three years to pay his annual assessment, his connexion with the Society shall cease; and any member may at any time withdraw from the Society, on notice given to the Treasurer or Recording Secretary of the Society, and paying the amount of his arrears.

## SECTION X.

*The Stated Meetings.*

The stated meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Saturday of January, of April, of July, and of October, at such time and place as shall be directed by the Society. And such number of members as shall from time to time be prescribed by the By-Laws, shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

## SECTION XI.

*Funds of the Society.*

There shall be chosen annually a Committee of Fi-

nance, whose duty it shall be to invest the funds of the Society; and no transfer of any stock standing in the name of the Society shall be made, except by the Treasurer, having the written order of the Committee of Finance for the purpose.

## SECTION XII.

### *Amendments to the Constitution, how made.*

This Constitution may be amended in manner following. Any amendment, or amendments, thereto, may be proposed at any stated meeting of the Society. They shall be entered on the minutes, and the President shall read, or direct them to be read by the Secretary, and stated for discussion at the next stated meeting of the Society, and if a majority of the members present, shall vote in favor of adopting them, they shall be recorded as part of the Constitution.

All the provisions of the former Constitution, are hereby wholly annulled.

### *Amendment.*

Amendment to the Constitution, adopted October 2nd, 1841, to be added to the 12th Article.—“Except that the officers elected on the first Saturday of October, 1840, shall continue in office until the first Saturday of April, 1842.”

## BY - LAWS.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### *Notice of Elections.*

AT least ten days notice shall be given by the Recording Secretary, of every annual election, by publishing the same in not more than three newspapers printed in this city. The notice shall specify particularly the time and place, when and where the said election is to be held, and the different officers to be voted for. And unless thirteen members at least shall attend on the first Saturday in October, and give in their votes, the President or presiding officer shall adjourn the said election to some convenient day, prior to the next stated meeting of the Society, of which adjourned election the like notice shall be given, as of the regular annual election, and the election shall then proceed, whatever may be the number of members present.

### ARTICLE II.

#### *The choice of Standing Committees.*

There shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting the following standing committees, viz:—an Executive Committee, of five members; a Committee on Trees and

Fruits, of eleven members; a Committee on Products of Kitchen Gardens, of seven members; a Committee on Flowers and Shrubs, of seven members; a Committee on the Library, of five members; a Committee on Finance, of three members; a Committee on Synonyms, of four members, and such other Committees as may from time to time be deemed expedient.

### ARTICLE III.

#### *Duties of Treasurer.*

The Treasurer shall keep regular accounts of all sums of money received and disbursed by him on account of the Society. All payments shall be made by order of the Society, or of the Committee of Finance. The annual account of the Treasurer shall be audited by said Committee of Finance, and presented to the Society at its stated meeting in April; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to furnish the said Committee with a statement of the affairs of the Society, in the month of October; and he shall be allowed, as compensation for his services as Treasurer, the sum of fifty dollars annually.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### *The Object and Distribution of Premiums.*

Premiums or gratuities may be awarded to such persons as shall have essentially advanced the objects of the Society, or for the exhibition to the Society of any fruits, vegetables or plants of their growth or cultivation, and either new in their kind, or of uncommon excellence as to quality, or for any new and successful method of cultivating any kind of esculent vegetables, fruits, orna-

mental flowers, shrubs or trees, or any other subjects connected with horticulture.—Provided, that seeds, cuttings, scions or plants, as the case may be—or the fruits, vegetables or plants—shall have been given to the Society for distribution and have been exhibited at some of the meetings of the Society; and provided also, the Executive Committee do report that it is expedient to award such premium or gratuity.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### *Each Member to have Copy of Constitution, Etc.*

Every member, at the time of his admission, shall be presented by the Recording Secretary with a printed copy of the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### *Fee of Admission.*

Each member, before he receives his certificate or takes his seat, shall pay the sum of five dollars; and afterwards an annual contribution of two dollars, payable on the first of January of each year; but any member of the Society may at any time compound for his future contributions by the payment of fifteen dollars.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### *The Consequences of not paying Contributions.*

No member of the Society shall be entitled to receive any publication of the Society, or to vote at any election or meeting of the Society, or be eligible to any office

therein, who has for two years omitted to pay his annual contribution. And if his contribution shall at any time be in arrears for three years, after notice, and he shall neglect to pay the same, his connection with the Society shall cease.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

*The admission of every Member to be recorded.*

The election and admission of every member, with the time thereof, shall be recorded, and the Recording Secretary shall issue notice to each person elected of his election, and shall also notify the Treasurer of the fact.

#### ARTICLE IX.

*Quorum.*

Six members, exclusive of the President or presiding officer, shall be a quorum for transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE X.

*Honorary and Corresponding Members.*

The Society may elect honorary and corresponding members, whenever they may deem it expedient, to each of whom the Corresponding Secretary shall transmit a diploma, or certificate of his election, under the seal of the Society, signed by the President and countersigned by the Recording Secretary.

## ARTICLE XI.

*Practical Gardeners may be admitted as Members.*

Any person exercising the trade or profession of a gardener, who shall have received any reward from the Society, or who shall have communicated a paper, which shall have been read at a general meeting of the Society, and which shall be deemed worthy of publication, or who may be recommended by the Executive Committee, may be admitted a member of the Society, and shall be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of a member upon the payment of two dollars for his admission fee, and one dollar in each year for his contribution, instead of the fee and annual contribution, as before provided for.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Lecturers.*

Lecturers on Botany and Vegetable Physiology, on Entomology, so far as it relates to Horticulture, and on Horticultural Chemistry, shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society.

## ARTICLE XIII.

*Of Voting.*

Voting by proxy shall not be admitted at the meetings of the Society.

## ARTICLE XIV.

*Duties of Standing Committees.*

The Committee on Fruit Trees and Fruits shall have charge of whatever relates to the multiplication of fruit trees and vines, by seed, scions, buds, layers, suckers, or other modes; the introduction of new varieties; the various methods of pruning and training them, and whatever relates to their culture, and that of all other fruits; the recommendation of objects for premiums to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on the Culture and Products of the Kitchen Garden, shall have charge of whatever relates to the location and management of kitchen gardens; the cultivation of all plants appertaining thereto; the introduction of new varieties of esculent, medicinal, and all such vegetables as are useful in the arts, or subservient to the other branches of national industry; the structure and management of hot-beds, and the recommendation to the Executive Committee of objects for premiums.

The Committee on Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Flowers, and Green-Houses, shall have charge of whatever relates to the culture, multiplication, and preservation of ornamental trees and shrubs, and flowers of all kinds; the construction and management of green-houses, and the recommendation to the Executive Committee of objects for premiums. And the respective Committees on Fruits, Flowers, and the Products of the Kitchen Garden, shall report to the Executive Committee, at the stated meeting in January, a list of the premiums which they severally recommend to be awarded for the past year.

The Committee on the Library shall have charge of all books, drawings, and engravings, and to recommend from time to time such as it may be deemed expedient to pro-

cure ; to superintend the publication of such communications and papers as may be directed by the Society ; to recommend, as before provided, premiums for drawings of fruits and flowers, and plans of country houses, and other edifices and structures connected with horticulture ; and for communications on any subject in relation thereto ; may annually appoint a Librarian ; and shall also adopt and enforce the following regulations for the Library and Cabinet, viz :—

## ARTICLE I.

All books, manuscripts, drawings, engravings, paintings, models, and other articles belonging to the Society, shall be confided to the special care of the Committee on the Library, which shall make a report at the annual meeting on the first Saturday of October, of their condition, and what measures may be necessary for their preservation and augmentation.

## ARTICLE II.

There shall be procured proper cases and cabinets for the books and all other articles, in which they shall be arranged, in such a manner as the Committee on the Library may direct.

## ARTICLE III.

All additions to the collection of books and other articles shall be placed upon the table, in the Hall of the Society, for exhibition for one week, and as much longer as the Library Committee may deem expedient, previous to their being arranged in their appropriate situations.

## ARTICLE IV.

The following books of record shall be kept in the Hall of the Society.

- Number 1. To contain a Catalogue of the Books.
- “ 2. To contain a Catalogue of the Manuscripts
- “ 3. To contain an account of the drawings, engravings, paintings, models, and all other articles.
- “ 4. The register of books loaned.

## ARTICLE V.

When any book, or any other article, shall be presented to the Society,

the name of the donor shall be inserted in the appropriate record book, and the time it was received.

#### ARTICLE VI.

Every book and article shall have a number affixed to it, in the order in which they are arranged in the several books of record.

#### ARTICLE VII.

When any new book is received, it shall be withheld from circulation at least one week ; and very rare and costly works shall not be taken from the Hall without the permission of the Library Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

Not more than two volumes shall be taken out by any member at one time, or retained longer than two weeks ; and every person shall be subject to a fine of ten cents a week for every volume retained beyond that time.

#### ARTICLE IX.

Every book shall be returned in good order, regard being had to the necessary wear thereof, with proper usage ; and if any book shall be lost or injured, the person to whom it stands charged shall replace it by a new volume, or set if it belonged to a set, or pay the current price of the volume or set, and thereupon the remainder of the set, if the volume belong to a set, shall be delivered to the person so paying for the same.

#### ARTICLE X.

All books shall be returned to the Hall for examination on or before the first Saturday of September, annually, and remain until after the third Saturday of said month ; and every person then having one or more books, and neglecting to return the same as herein required, shall pay a fine of one dollar ; and if, at the expiration of one month after the third Saturday of September, any book has not been returned which was taken out previous to the annual examination of the Library, the person to whom it stands charged shall be required to return the same ; and if, after such request, it is not placed in the Hall within two weeks, he shall be liable to pay therefor, in the manner prescribed in the ninth article.

#### ARTICLE XI.

No member shall loan a book to any other person, under the penalty of a fine of one dollar.

## ARTICLE XII.

When a written request shall be left at the Hall for a particular book, then out, it shall be retained for the person requiring it, for two days after it shall have been returned.

The Committee on the Synonyms of Fruits shall facilitate an interchange of fruits with other Horticultural Societies, for the purpose of establishing their synonyms.

## ARTICLE XV.

*Members residing at a Distance.*

Members of the Society, residing more than twenty miles from the city of Boston, shall be exempt from the annual assessment, provided they have paid the fee of admission and one general assessment.

All the By-Laws of the Society heretofore adopted by the Society, are hereby annulled.

*Amendment.*

Amendment to the By-Laws, adopted January 15th, 1842.—“That when candidates for Honorary or Corresponding Members shall be hereafter proposed for admission, their names shall be handed in to the Executive Committee, and if said Committee shall approve of said nominations, it shall report the names of such persons to the Society for its action thereon.”

REPORT  
OF THE  
TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY  
FOR 1839, 1840 AND 1841.

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THE last Report of the Proceedings of the Society was published at the close of the year 1838, and included its transactions from the close of the ninth anniversary in September, 1837, to December 31, 1838. That report was prepared under the direction of Prof. Russell, and gave in detail the several weekly exhibitions of the society which were held during the period above named. Some interesting preliminary observations, upon the state of Horticulture, were also added by Mr. Russell, which rendered the report more acceptable to the members.

From 1838 to 1842, the society have not published any of its transactions, and they possess no record of its several interesting annual exhibitions other than what are to be found in the volumes of the *Magazine of Horticulture* and the *New-England Farmer*. The committee who have prepared the following report, were authorized by the society to draw up only an account of its transactions for 1841. But upon mature consideration, they have deemed it advisable that the society should itself possess some better record than the detached reports above alluded to. A volume containing the transactions of the society is valuable, not only as a book of reference in relation to the exhibitions of flowers and fruits, but as serving to show how rapidly it has progressed, and what good it has accomplished in the important science which it was established to promote. The committee have therefore gone back two years, and commenced their report where the last one was brought to a close, believing that such a connected account will be received by the society with more gratification than if two

years of its transactions, including a period when its condition was highly prosperous, were left entirely blank. Should the society continue to publish its proceedings annually, or at greater intervals, a second volume will soon be formed, which, if not as interesting as the excellent addresses that compose the first, will be nevertheless a desirable record to place in the hands of every member.

The committee have not deemed it proper to occupy room with a repetition of the weekly shows; the order of their report will be to give a condensed account of such doings of the society as are of considerable interest—the reports of the several annual exhibitions—and the reports of the committees awarding premiums.

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## REPORT FOR 1839.

MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, *March 23, 1839.*

At this meeting the following proposal, from a member of the society, was read, and referred to the Flower Committee, who subsequently reported that the liberal premiums offered by T. Lee, Esq. ought to be accepted, which report the society adopted. The proposal was as follows:—

“To encourage the cultivation of the flowering plants of New England, a member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society offers the following premiums, to be awarded by the ‘Committee on Flowers,’ on condition that the society offer an equal amount.

*For the year 1839.*

For the best exhibition during the season, at their Hall, of the native plants of New England, *wherever grown*,—

- A first premium of five dollars.
- A second “ of five dollars.
- A third “ of five dollars.

*For the year 1840.*

For the best exhibition during the season, at the Hall, of the native plants of New England, *cultivated by the competitors*,—

- A first premium of ten dollars.
- A second “ of five dollars.
- A third “ of five dollars.

*For the year 1841.*

- A first premium of fifteen dollars.
- A second “ of ten dollars.
- A third “ of five dollars.

*For the year 1842.*

A first premium of twenty dollars.

A second " of ten dollars.

A third " of five dollars.

*For the year 1843.*

A first premium of twenty-five dollars.

A second " of fifteen dollars.

A third " of ten dollars.

As competition with the long-established Botanic Garden, at Cambridge, would be hopeless, it is excluded. A gratuity, such as his exhibition of plants may merit, might still be allowed by the society to its skilful gardener.

The collection, also, of the donor, which, perhaps, is among the next best, will be excluded.

Although to many cultivators the pecuniary reward will be no inducement, others may consider it an object, as refunding, in some measure, the cost, and who also will, if successful, be more than repaid by the propagation and sale of their plants.

It is expected the committee will distribute the premiums, in whole or in part, as they deem *just*—or withhold them altogether, should this attempt fail to bring into cultivation 'native plants,' the pride of our woods and meadows,—so justly valued abroad, and so long neglected at home."

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## ELEVENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY.

SEPTEMBER 25TH, 26TH AND 27TH.....1839.

The *Eleventh Annual Exhibition of the Society* was holden on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 25th, 26th, and 27th of September, at the Society's room, in Tremont street. The arrangements were the same as the last year, and, as usual, were under the direction of the decorating committee, who executed their duty with good taste.

The number of plants contributed was not quite so large as in years past; but, notwithstanding, there was nearly as large a number as could be placed in the room to advantage. We hope, another season, that the Society will endeavor to procure a large hall better fitted for our annual exhibition, that we may again gratify the public with such another gorgeous display as that which was made a few years since in Faneuil Hall. The Society's room is altogether too limited for an annual exhibition; and, from want of a proper light, the plants and flowers are seen to great disadvantage.

The display of that magnificent flower, the dahlia, was much superior to what we had anticipated a few days previous; the weekly exhibitions of this flower have been meagre, and we were agreeably disappointed to find the stands so well filled on this occasion. The asters were also fine, and assisted to render the show of cut flowers more interesting; and a good number of handsome bouquets contributed to heighten and set off the display.

The fruits were excellent, and the variety large. The pears of Mr. Manning, as usual, consisted of a great number of kinds. The beautiful forced grapes of Messrs. Haggerston, Cowan, and other gardeners, and those of Messrs. Johnson, Balch, and other amateurs, attracted, and deservedly too, much attention. The vegetables were numerous and of good quality.

The weather on Monday, the first day, was delightful, and the number of visitors large; but the morning of Thursday broke with a lowering atmosphere and a raw easterly wind, which had a tendency to prevent so good an attendance as on the day previous. Friday, though not unpleasant, was rather a disagreeable day, but, notwithstanding, the rooms were well filled. In the afternoon the committee of arrangements dined together at the Shawmut House, and the occasion was one of gratification to all.

The following report has been drawn up with considerable care, and, we believe, will be found correct:—

FLOWERS:—From the Hon. John Lowell, a splendid specimen of *Crinum amabile*, a fine plant of *Araucària excelsa*, *Musa purpurea* and *M. sapiéntum*, *Treviràna coccinea*, &c. From J. P. Cushing, Esq., the elegant *Chamærops humilis*, *Phœnix dactylifera*, and other plants. From Mrs. T. Bigelow, Medford, large plants of *Yucca gloriòsa*, *A'gave americana* var. *variegata*, &c. From T. Mason, Melaleuca sp. *Erica arborea*, *gracilis*, *concinna* and others, *Callistemon saligna*, roses, stocks, &c. &c.; also, about sixty blooms of dahlias, among which were Paragon, Lovely Anne, Sir H. Fletcher, Angelina, Princess Victoria, Mrs. Rushton, Golden Sovereign, Fringed White, Ruby, Desdemona, Conqueror of Europe, &c. From S. S. Lewis, a large variegated euphorbia, in a pot. From P. Barnes, Boston, two fine coxcombs.

From W. E. Carter, fine plants of *Pandanus spiralis*, *Phylica pubescens*, *Callistemon saligna*, *Erica concinna*, *gracilis*, &c., *Leucadendron argenteum*, *Illicium floridanum*, *Magnolia grandiflora*, seedling camellias, myrtles, orange trees, *Yucca gloriòsa*, *Oxalis Bowièii*, and other plants; also, fine dahlias, numbering fifty or sixty blooms, containing, with others, Rizenzi, Mrs. Rushton, Glory, King Otho, Lovely Anne, Stone's Yellow Perfection, Madonna, Golden Sovereign, Mary, Conqueror of Europe, Blandina, Ruby, &c., with two or three fine seedling phloxes. From J. L. L. F. Warren, variegated hollies, *Begonia argyrostigma*, fig trees, *Salvia fulgens*, *Allòysia citriodora*, *Eugenia myrtifolia*, and other plants; also, several va-

rieties of dahlias, marigolds, and cut flowers. From W. Meller, *Hæmáanthus coccíneus*, *Pittósporum Tobíra*, *Eugènia myrtifòlia*, *Acàcia armàta*, &c. ; also, twenty-five or thirty dahlia blooms, among which were Countess of Mansfield, Criterion, Ne Plus Ultra, Conqueror of Europe, Desdemona, Beauty of Cambridge, Beauty, &c.

From S. Sweetser, ten pots of dahlias, of new and fine kinds, all in bloom ; these were all great ornaments to the room, particularly the *Striàta formosíssima*, which had six flowers expanded ; the others were Marshal Sout, Ne Plus Ultra, Elliot's Coronation, Eva, Mrs. Ashley, Unique, Cambridge Hero, Pilt-down Rival, Exemplar ; also, fine specimens of several species of Cacti, viz., *Cèreus córtex* and *albifòrus Opúntia brasiliénsis*, and *micradàsia*, *Echinocàctus múltiplex*, and *Epiphyllum truncàtum*, with a dozen or more dahlia blooms. From Messrs. Winship, hydrangeas, myrtles, &c. ; *Vibúrnum oxycóccus* and the *Shephérdia argénteá*, both in fruit. From J. S. Ellery, Esq., a pretty pyramid of dahlias, fine bouquets, and dahlia flowers. From J. J. Low, Belladonna lilies, a large Sago Palm, and a beautiful specimen of the Tea rose, in full bloom, grafted as a standard ; also, about fifty dahlias, of which the finest were, Horsham Rival, Bonaparte, Mary, Victory, Ruby, *Striàta formosíssima*, *Sulphúrea élegans*, Beauty of Bedford, Countess of Mansfield, Viscountess Beresford, Golden Sovereign, &c.

From Hovey & Co., flowering plants of *Oxalis Bowièii*, *Gardoquià Hookèrii*, and *Epiphyllum Ackermánii* ; a young plant in a pot of the *Mòrus multicaúlis*, three feet high, only two months from the cutting ; a beautiful stand of verbenas, containing nine species and varieties, as follows—*V. Tweedieàna*, and *T. supérba*, *V. incisa*, *teucroídes*, *Binneyàna*, *Eyreàna*, *Arraniàna*, *chamædrifòlia mājor*, and *venòsa* ; also, about one hundred and thirty dahlias, some of which were, *Striàta formosíssima*, Reliance, Mrs. Rushton, Eva, Rosetta, Variabilis, Unique, Beauty of Kingscote, Grand Purple, Marquis of Lothian, Splendissima, Princess Victoria, Conqueror of Europe, Middlesex Rival, Maria Edgeworth, Cambridge Hero, Juliet, Victory, Fowler's Queen Victoria, Horatio, &c. From John Towne, several elegant species of heaths, viz., *Erica regérminans*, *Abietina*, *concínná*, and *grácilis* ; also, *Cròwea salígna*, *Manéttia cordifòlia*, and *Menzièsia cærúlea*. From N. S. Dyer, South Abington, *Begònia argrostígma*. From A. H. Hovey, China asters and dahlias.

From M. P. Wilder, about one hundred and twenty dahlias, among which we noted down Rienzi, Rival Sussex, *Striàta formosíssima*, Countess of Mansfield, Marquis of Lothian, Virgin Queen, Unique, Marshal Sout, Egyptian King, Mrs. Rushton, Ne Plus Ultra, Victory Exemplar, Ruby, Prima Donna, Maria Edgeworth, &c. &c. ; also, a fine cut specimen of *Liàtris scariòsa*. From S. Walker, upwards of seventy dahlias, some of which were Ovid, Mrs. Rushton, Premier, Glory, Rival Sussex, Berkshire

Champion, Beauty of Bedford, Mary, Neptune, Golden Sovereign, Napoleon, Marquis of Lothian, Princess Victoria, Rienzi, &c. ; also, some fine pansies. From Joseph Breck & Co., about sixty dahlias—among others, Victory, Ariel, Reliance, Zarah, Striata formosissima, Angelina, Maria Edgeworth, Unique, Rose d'Amour, &c. From Rufus Howe, a variety of good dahlias. From D. Macintyre, several handsome specimens of dahlias—among others were Red Rover, Golden Sovereign, Rienzi, Striata formosissima, Sir H. Fletcher, Rival Sussex, &c. From J. A. Kenrick, twenty blooms of dahlias and upwards, containing Victory, Mary, Golden Sovereign, &c. From W. McCullough, a variety of dahlias.

From Jos. Stickney, Boston, about sixty dahlias ; among the number we noticed Ne Plus Ultra, Countess of Torrington, Blandina, Glory of the West, Birmingham Victor, Victory, Sarah, Star of Buckland, Unique, Mrs. Rushton, Ruby, Conqueror of Europe, Red Rover, Queen of Scots, &c. ; also, some superb German asters. From S. R. Johnson, Double balsams, a variety of Tea and Chinese roses and dahlias.

Bouquets of flowers were furnished by Messrs. Winship, Hovey & Co., T. Mason, W. Meller, S. Walker, J. Hovey, W. E. Carter, J. S. Ellery, J. A. Kenrick, and W. Kenrick, who sent two baskets elegantly trimmed with flowers, and a large fir tree completely clothed with blossoms of dahlias, marigolds, &c.

FRUIT :—From R. Manning, upwards of seventy varieties of pears, as follows—Louise Bonne of Jersey, Bezi de la Motte, Bezi Vaet, Henry IV., Doyenne Louis, Beurré Bosc, Alpha, Duchess d'Angouleme, Fig of Naples, Catillac, Forelle, Burgomaster, Huguenot, Beurré Seatin, Styrian, Fourcroy, Buffum, Beurré Bronze, Bartrams, Capsheaf, Passe Colmar, Cumberland, Endicott, Beurré Von Märum, Verte longue, Beurré d'Aremberg, Belle Lucrative, Winter Orange, Long Green, Frederick of Wurtemberg, Harvard, Naumkeag, Hacon's Incomparable, Bleeker's Meadow, Seckel, Wilkinson, Burgomaster (of Boston,) Chelmsford, Echasserie, Beurré Duval, Colmar Dewez, Winter Nelis, Napoleon, Belle et Bonne, Jalousie, Glout morceaux, Fulton, Rouse Lench, Prince's St. Germain, Fondant du Bois, Chaumontel, Josephine, Easter Beurré, Rousselet de Rheims, Beurré Diel, Surpasse Virgaleu, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Old orange, and Bergamotte d'Automne ; also, Goliah and St. Catharine plums, and Gravenstein, Lyscom, Bellefleur, Fall Harvey, Marie Louise, Danvers Sweet, and Pennock's winter apples.

From J. M. Ives, a good variety of pears, viz.—Bleeker's meadow, Bezi de Montigny, Gilgil, Duchess of Angouleme, Brown Beurré, Michaux, Beurré d'Aremberg, Lewis, Josephine, Passe Colmar, St. Michael's, Buffum, Capiaumont (true,) Glout morceaux, Easter Beurré, Striped St. Germain, Wilkinson and Raymond ; Cruger's seedling plum, and Canfield and Michael Henry pippin apples. From D. Hill, a basket of handsome lemon

rareripes. From O. Johnson, Lynn, some beautiful fruit; Burgomaster, Vert longue Panaché, Rousselet de Rheims, Washington, Julienne, Doyenne Gris, Long Green of autumn, Catillac, Admiral, Passe Colmar, Louise Bonne, Rousselet Panaché, and Sucré Vert pears; also, fine specimens of Zinfindal, black Hamburg, white Sweetwater, and Muscat of Alexandria grapes. From S. R. Johnson, black Hamburg and Chasselas grapes. From William Oliver, Urbaniste, Ambrette, Seckel, Wilkinson, Echasserie and Williams's Bon Chrétien pears; also, Chasselas grapes, of out-door growth.

From M. P. Wilder, several varieties of pears; Cushing, Passe Colmar, Seckel, Bleeker's Meadow, Colmar Epineux, Louise Bonne of Jersey, Duchess d'Angouleme, Long Green, Bergamot de Paques, Columbian Virgoulouse, Beurré Diel, Burgomaster, Heathcot, Belle de Brussels, Glout morceaux, Capiaumont, Beurré d'Aremberg, and Verte longue Panaché; Orange quinces, and blue Imperatrice plums. From T. Mason, black Hamburg, purple Constantia, Sweetwater and Isabella grapes and peaches. From E. Bartlett, Seckel, Andrews, Napoleon, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Fulton, and Culotte de Suisse pears. From J. Fisher, Seckel, Andrews, and Williams's Bon Chrétien pears. From H. Vandine, Cambridgeport, fine specimens of Coe's Golden Drop plums. From J. Newhall, Lynnfield, peaches and grapes. From William Worthington, seedling peaches.—From R. Ward, Roxbury, fine Williams's Bon Chrétien and Seckel pears; old Mixon and Franklin peaches. From Charles Johnson, Hawthorndean and Porter apples, and Seckel pears. From S. Sweetser, Seckel, Fulton, and Chelmsford pears. From C. & A. J. Downing, Newburgh, N. Y. elegant fruit of the brown Beurré, St. Michael and Seckel pears.

From S. Downer, a fine assortment of apples, viz., Ramshorn, R. I. Greening, Fall Harvey, Wales apple, Pumpkin sweeting, Ribstone pippin, Æsopus Spitzemberg, Hawthorndean, Nonsuch, Liscom, Gardiner's sweeting, Golden russeting, Old Colony pearmain, Roxbury russet, Washington pearmain, &c.; also, Beurré Diel, Andrews, King of Wurtemberg, Heathcot, Seckel, Cushing, Messire Jean, Urbaniste, Fulton, Catillac, Harvard and Black pear of Worcester. From the Hon. E. Vose, President, four fine varieties of melons, the Rock, Minorca, Cantelope and Persian; Urbaniste, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Heathcot, Napoleon, Seckel, Washington and Iron pears; Weller's Freestone and Catherine peaches, and white Sweetwater grapes; beautiful Hawthorndean and Gravenstein apples. From W. Meller, black Hamburg and Sweetwater grapes; Imperatrice plums and peaches. From H. Gray, Esq., black Hamburg and St. Peter's grapes. From F. Tudor, specimens of fruit raised in his garden at Nahant; Petit Madam, Julienne, Buffum, Wilkinson, and Bleeker's Meadow pears and peaches. From S. Pond, Andrews pears, (fine.)

From J. J. Low, Esq., Marie Louise, Lewis, Fulton, Forelle, Beurré de

Roi, Roi de Wurtemberg, Urbaniste, and Wilding pears; Mela carla and Minister apples, and blue Imperatrice plums. From J. S. Ellery, Brookline, black Hamburg, Miller's Burgundy, and Chasselas grapes. From J. Hooper, Jr., Golden Beurré of Bilboa pears. From W. Kenrick, specimens of the fruit of the Osage orange, from Philadelphia. From E. M. Richards, peaches and quinces, and Lady apples; also, Seckel, Fulton, and other kinds of pears. From A. D. Williams, black Hamburg grapes, Seckel pears, and Hubbardston Nonesuch, and Horn apples. From George Newhall, apples and peaches.

From J. P. Cushing, Esq., fine black Hamburg, Muscat of Lunel, St. Peter's, Morocco, and Muscat of Alexandria grapes; beautiful striped St. Germain, and Poiré de Brugman pears. From Joseph Balch, Duchess of Angouleme, and Louis d'Arranches pears; also, white Muscat, white Sweetwater, Miller's Burgundy, black Hamburg, and black Prince grapes. From Joshua Gardiner, apples and peaches. From J. L. L. F. Warren, Porter, Roxbury russet, Baldwin and Lady apples; peaches, figs, and Seckel, Napoleon, and Williams's Bon Chrétien pears.

From the Hon. T. H. Perkins, beautiful St. Peter's, Muscat of Alexandria, white Nice, Frankindale and black Hamburg grapes; also, some remarkably fine peaches and nectarines. From S. Walker, Elfrey plums. From P. May, a basket of very large and fine brown Beurré pears. From Jona. French, Jr., pears, the name unknown.

VEGETABLES:—From Jona. French, Jr., Rohan potatoes, fine Crookneck squashes (nine weighing one hundred and fifty pounds,) Valparaiso and Autumnal Marrow squashes; also, beets, carrots and brocoli. From Wm. L. Rushton, Esq. New York, fine Giant celery. From J. J. Low, Esq., Egg plants. From George Newhall, tomatoes. From Dr. Lowell, Egg plants.

From E. H. Derby, Esq., a very large squash, weighing one hundred and nine pounds, and handsomely formed. From C. R. Lowell, Egg plants. From Richard Ward, Lima beans. From J. L. L. F. Warren, common large red and yellow tomatoes, fine large Rohan potatoes, Seven-Years' pumpkins, Crookneck and Autumnal Marrow squashes, and Lima beans. From H. Gray, a large squash. From A. D. Williams, large brocolis, beets, cabbages, &c. From Samuel Blake, South Boston, large squash, weighing one hundred and fifteen pounds. From the Hon. John Lowell, Rohan potatoes, the largest weighing two pounds and a half. From J. M. Ives, Salem, Rohan potatoes of good size. Mr. Ives planted eleven pounds of seed, and raised four hundred pounds; the vines blasted, or he would have had a much heavier crop.

We should not omit to notice, particularly, the fine specimens of pears, among which were the striped St. Germain, presented by Mr. Haggerston, gardener to J. P. Cushing, Esq. They were grown in pots in the grapery,

and, for size and beauty, surpassed any thing we have ever seen. The brown Beurré pears, from Mr. Ives, were picked from a tree grafted on a quince stock, and they were handsome. Some brown beurrés, from the nurseries of Messrs. C. & A. J. Downing, Newburgh, N. Y., attracted much attention; they were very large and fine.

M. P. Wilder presented some specimens of wax fruit worthy of notice; they were received by him from Frankfort on the Main, and consisted of apples, pears and cherries. We have never seen any wax fruit which were such faithful representatives of the originals.

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### OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1839-40.

At the annual meeting of the society, Oct. 5th, the following officers were elected for 1839 and 1840:—

*President.*—Elijah Vose.

*Vice-Presidents.*—Jonathan Winship, Marshal P. Wilder, Benjamin V. French, William Oliver.

*Treasurer.*—Samuel Walker.

*Recording Secretary.*—Edward M. Richards.

*Corresponding Secretary.*—Robert T. Paine.

*Professor of Botany and Vegetable Physiology.*—John Lewis Russell.

*Professor of Entomology.*—T. W. Harris.

*Professor of Horticultural Chemistry.*—Dr. S. M. Dana.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Committee on Fruits.*—Edward M. Richards, chairman; Robert Manning, William Kenrick, Samuel Downer, Benjamin V. French, John A. Kenrick, John M. Ives, P. B. Hovey, Jr., L. P. Grosvenor, J. L. L. F. Warren, Samuel Pond.

*Committee on Products of Kitchen Garden.*—J. L. L. F. Warren, chairman; Samuel Pond, Aaron D. Williams, Rufus Howe, Ebenezer Crafts.

*Committee on Flowers, Shrubs, &c.*—Samuel Walker, chairman; J. E. Teschemacher, C. M. Hovey, Joseph Breck, Samuel Sweetser, David Haggerston, Samuel R. Johnson, William E. Carter, John Towne.

*Committee on the Library.*—Elijah Vose, chairman; Robert T. Paine, William Kenrick, Ezra Weston, Jr., Charles M. Hovey, M. P. Wilder, Thomas Lee.

*Committee on Synonyms of Fruit.*—John Lowell, chairman; Robert Manning, William Kenrick, Samuel Downer.

*Executive Committee.*—Elijah Vose, chairman; William Oliver, Benjamin V. French, Edward M. Richards, Enoch Bartlett.

*Committee on Finance.*—Elijah Vose, chairman; Benjamin V. French, William Oliver.

## REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES AWARDING PREMIUMS FOR 1839.

### FLOWER COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee on Flowers, having attended to the duty of awarding the Premiums offered by the Society for the year 1839, report as follows :—

<i>Geraniums</i> —For the best twelve varieties of geraniums, to William Meller, a premium of . . . . .	\$10 00
For the second best twelve varieties of geraniums, to Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Tulips</i> —For the best twelve varieties of tulips, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	10 00
For the second best twelve varieties of tulips, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pansies</i> —For the best display, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
For the best seedling, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Roses</i> —For the best display, to A. Aspinwall, a premium of . . . . .	10 00
For the best twenty-four varieties, to S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best twelve varieties, to R. Howe, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best twelve Chinese and other tender varieties, to S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pinks</i> —For the best display, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best six varieties, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best seedling, to William Meller, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Carnations</i> —For the best display, to T. Mason, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best six varieties, to William Meller, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best seedling, to William Meller, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Dahlias</i> —For the best display, to M. P. Wilder, a premium of . . . . .	10 00
For the second best display, to J. J. Low, a premium of . . . . .	8 00
For the third best display, to J. Breck & Co., a premium of . . . . .	7 00
For the fourth best display, to Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	6 00
For the fifth best display, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the sixth best display, to T. Mason, a premium of . . . . .	4 00

No hyacinths were offered for premium. The seedling geranium was not thought worthy of a prize by the judges.

The committee also awarded the following premiums offered by the liberality of T. Lee, Esq., for the encouragement of the growth of native plants :—

For the best display of native wild flowers, to William Oakes, Esq., of Ipswich, a premium of . . . . . 5 00

For the second best display of native wild flowers, to E. Weston, Jr. Esq., a premium of . . . . . 5 00

No competitor was thought deserving of the third prize, and the committee reserved the remaining sum of five dollars, appropriated by Mr. Lee for 1839, to be added to next year's prizes. We would not omit to mention, at the present time, that the flowers must be *cultivated*, next year, to be eligible for the prizes.

S. WALKER, *Chairman*.

#### FRUIT COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee on Fruits, and the Standing Committee on Vegetables, have awarded Premiums for the year 1839, as follows:—

FRUITS.—The Committee on Fruits, award the following Premiums:—

*Pears*—For the best summer pears, to Mr. Samuel Pond, a premium of . . . . . \$5 00

For the best autumn pears, to Mr. Richard Ward, a premium of . . . . . 5 00

For the best winter pears, to Mr. E. Vose, president of the society, a premium of . . . . . 5 00

*Apples*—For the best summer apples, to Mr. E. M. Richards, a premium of . . . . . 5 00

For the best autumn apples, to Mr. J. L. L. F. Warren, a premium of . . . . . 5 00

For the best winter apples, to Dr. Amos Holbrook, a premium of . . . . . 5 00

*Cherries*—For the best cherries, to Mr. E. Vose, a premium of . . . . . 5 00

*Peaches*—For the best peaches, (open culture,) to Mrs. Bigelow, a gratuity of . . . . . 5 00

For the best peaches, (under glass,) to Mr. J. F. Allen, a gratuity of . . . . . 5 00

*Plums*—For the best plums, to Mr. S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . . 5 00

For the next best, to Mr. Samuel Pond, a gratuity of . . . . . 5 00

For the next best, to Mr. R. Manning, a gratuity of . . . . . 5 00

*Apricots*—For the best apricots, to the Hon. John Welles, a premium of . . . . . 5 00

*Nectarines*—For the best nectarines, to Mr. Thomas Mason, a premium of . . . . . 5 00

*Quinces*—For the best quinces, to Col. M. P. Wilder, a premium of . . . . . 5 00

*Grapes*—For the best foreign grapes, grown under glass, to Mr. Otis Johnson, a premium of . . . . . 10 00

For the best foreign grapes, open culture, to Benjamin Guild, Esq., a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Gooseberries</i> —For the best desert gooseberries, to Mr. John Hovey, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Raspberries</i> —For the best raspberries, to Mr. Thomas Mason, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Strawberries</i> —For the best strawberries, to Messrs. Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Currants</i> —For the best currants, to Mr. A. D. Williams, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Melons</i> —For the best pair watermelons, to Mr. John Hill, a gratuity of . . . . .	3 00
For the best muskmelons, to Mr. E. Vose, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the Committee, . . . . .	E. M. RICHARDS, <i>Chairman.</i>

VEGETABLES.—The vegetable committee on premiums, for 1839, report as follows:—

*Asparagus*—None exhibited.

*Beans*—Large Lima, two quarts shelled, to J. L. L. F. Warren, a premium of . . . . . 3 00

Earliest and best Dwarf, to J. L. L. F. Warren, a premium of 2 00

*Brocoli*—Earliest and best, four heads, to A. D. Williams, a premium of . . . . . 3 00

*Beets*—Twelve roots, to A. D. Williams, a premium of . . . . . 2 00

*Cabbages*—Best six heads, to A. D. Williams, a premium of . . . . . 2 00

*Carrots*—Twelve roots, to A. D. Williams, a premium of . . . . . 2 00

*Cauliflowers*—No premium.

*Cucumbers*—Best pair, before first Saturday in July, to J. L. L. F. Warren, a premium of . . . . . 4 00

*Celery*—Two roots, no premium.

*Corn*—For boiling, no premium.

*Lettuce*—Finest six in the season, to John Hovey, a premium of 2 00

*Peas*—Earliest and best, one peck, to R. Howe, a premium of . . . . . 4 00

*Potatoes*—None exhibited.

*Onions*—None exhibited.

*Rhubarb*—Best specimens, to S. Pond, a premium of . . . . . 3 00

*Squashes*—Summer none exhibited.

Winter, largest and best pair, to J. French, jr. a premium of . . . . . 3 00

*Tomatoes*—Finest specimens, to J. L. L. F. Warren, a prem. of . . . . . 3 00

The committee also award the following premiums as gratuities:—

To E. H. Derby, Esq., for a fine large squash, a gratuity of . . . . . 3 00

To S. Blake, for a fine large squash, a gratuity of . . . . . 3 00

To J. French, jr. for fine Marrow and Lima squashes, a premium of . . . . . 3 00

To J. Prince, Esq. for specimens of Brussels sprouts, a prem. of	2 00
To C. R. Lowell, Esq. for specimens of egg plants, a gratuity of	2 00
To G. W. Stearns, Esq., for fine specimens of forced cucumbers, a gratuity of . . . . .	4 00

The committee regret that so little interest has been manifested the past season, in this important part of the society's labors; but true it is, that during the whole season, there were but few exhibitions of vegetables, and those few were but from a small portion of the members of the Society, who have heretofore been ever ready to exhibit their zeal in promoting its interest.

The committee would notice, with approbation, the fine specimens of squashes, of the varieties *marrow*, *crook-neck*, *Lima*, and *Valparaiso*, exhibited by E. H. Derby, J. French, and S. Blake, Esqrs., at the annual exhibition; and they hope to see more of those valuable varieties the coming season.

The *Rohan potatoes*, exhibited by the Hon. John Lowell, were a very superior specimen, and the finest known to have been grown the present season.

The *Brussels sprouts*, by John Prince, Esq., were deserving of particular notice; they were very fine, and it is desirable that this valuable production of the vegetable garden, should be more extensively cultivated.

The *Giant celery*, exhibited by W. L. Rushton, Esq., of New York, deserves, also, marked notice; it was as fine as has ever been exhibited at the Society's rooms.

The *Egg plants*, by C. R. Lowell, Esq., of three varieties, were large, and finely shaped, and uncommonly beautiful specimens. It is desirable that exertions should be made to produce this luxury in more abundance.

J. L. L. F. WARREN, *Chairman*.

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## REPORT FOR 1840.

MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, *June 13, 1840.*

The following correspondence was read before the Society at this meeting:—

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Haggerston, offering fifty dollars, (provided the Massachusetts Horticultural Society would add the same amount) as a premium for the destruction of the rose slug, beg leave to report that they have attended to that duty. The committee recommend that the Society accept the proposal of Mr. Haggerston, and offer a premium of one hundred dollars, in addition to the

sum of twenty dollars already offered by the Society, for the effectual destruction of said slug: the premium to be paid whenever satisfactory evidence shall be given to the Society of a plan to destroy or to prevent the ravages of the slug, without injury to the bush or its foliage.

Per order,

S. WALKER, *Chairman.*

*Voted*; to accept the report.

The following are the communications alluded to:

ROXBURY, *June 3d*, 1840.

Sir—I have the honor to transmit the enclosed communication, addressed to me, from Mr. David Haggerston, of Watertown.

The slug, that has for several years past destroyed the foliage of the rose bush, is well known, to every practical florist, in this section of the country; its destruction, by various means, has been attempted, but as yet without success.

The additional premium now proposed, if it should receive the sanction of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, will give a fresh impetus to the exertions of those who have so far labored in vain to destroy, this eyesore, the rose-slug; and will probably call into the field an army of Flora's loving subjects, who will not, I trust, lay down their arms until they shall have annihilated the foul defacer of the mantle of the "queen of flowers."

I am, Sir, with great respect, your obedient servant,

S. WALKER, *Chairman Committee on Flowers.*

Hon. E. VOSE, *Pres. Mass. Hort. Soc.*

WATERTOWN, *May 26th*, 1840.

My Dear Sir: In conversation with a gentleman since I saw you, I mentioned to him the intention of the Horticultural Society of offering a premium for the destruction of the worm or insect that infests the rose bush and destroys the foliage: he was much pleased, and commended the Society for their efforts to accomplish so desirable an object; but when I mentioned the sum intended to be given, *ten dollars*, his idea was precisely mine, that it would result in no good. For the last five or six years he has seen experiments tried, and every thing done that could be thought of, for the destruction of the above insect, without the least success. His idea is, that the premium ought not to be less than *one hundred dollars*, and he wished me to say to the Society that I could procure fifty dollars for the purpose, provided the Society would make it up to one hundred. As it is not at all likely that I shall be at the next meeting, I take the liberty of troubling you, knowing well how much you are interested. If you will have the goodness to make the proposal to the Society, you will much oblige

Yours, very truly,

DAVID HAGGERSTON.

S. WALKER, Esq

## TWELFTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY.

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH.....1840.

The *Twelfth Annual Exhibition of the Society* was held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 9th, 10th, and 11th of September, according to previous notice, at the Society's room, No. 23 Tremont Row. The committee to whom was entrusted the duty of decorating the room and completing the arrangements, executed their task with much taste.

The Society's room is not large enough, nor sufficiently lofty, to make a grand display; and, considering the limited space, the committee completed their arrangements with good effect, and with what we think a very decided improvement upon the last exhibition. In the centre of the room, over the large oval fruit table, was thrown two arches, the bases of which rested upon the two ends and upon the middle of the table. These arches were composed of lattice work, so as to have a light appearance, and were beautifully wreathed with evergreens, roses, splendid dahlias, asters, &c., and presented an elegant appearance. The two opposite corners of the room, from the entrance door, were fitted up with alcoves, also of lattice-work, three in each corner, the middle ones in each considerably larger than the other two. These alcoves were the receptacles of some of the most splendid bouquets which ever graced the room. They were backed by evergreens, and in front festooned by a variety of brilliant flowers, which rendered them objects of great interest, and added much to the *coup d'œil* which struck the eye upon entering the room. The cornices of the room were also beautifully festooned, which contributed in no small degree to the display.

On the tables on each side of the room were arranged collections of plants, many of them fine specimens. The *Chamærops humilis*, with its pendent fan-like foliage—the Sago palm—the thick and fleshy foliage of the India-rubber tree, (*Ficus elástica*),—the myrtle-like blossoms of the tall and graceful *Eugènia*—the noble leaf of the Banana, intermixed with the grotesque forms of the *Cácti*,—contributed to make up a fine display. On one side of the room the plants formed a deep and rich back-ground, to the mass of splendid blooms of the dahlia which filled the stands the whole length, and the dark foliage, contrasting with the rainbow hues of this flower, heightened and set off their appearance with great effect.

The weather, with the exception of a single shower, was delightful during the week, and from the great number of strangers who were in the city, the room was crowded with visitors, all of whom seemed to be highly gratified with the display. The fruit, which has been abundant and handsome this year, was much admired, and the great variety of specimens surprised many of the visitors. On the whole, the exhibition was well

got up, and the members deserve great credit for the promptness with which they rendered their assistance.

The Committee of Arrangements dined together, as usual, at the Exchange Coffee-House, on Friday, the 11th, and the occasion was one of pleasantness and good feeling—all seemed united and animated with much zeal in the cause of floriculture and horticulture.

The following is an account of the plants exhibited :—

PLANTS :—From J. P. Cushing, Esq., *Latània borbónica*, *Phœ'nix dactylifera*, *Cycas revolùta*, *Chamæ'rops hùmilis*, *Thèa viridis*, *Begònia* sp., *Photínia arbutifòlia*, &c. From Messrs. Winship, *Eugènia austràlis*, *Erica spùria*, *Búxus arboréscens*, *Begònia argyrostigma*, *Mùsa rosacæ'a*, *Ardisia coloràta*, *Acàcia* sp., *Eriobótrya japónica*, *Ficus elástica*, *Fúchsia coccínea*, *Eùcomis vittàta*, *Vallòta purpùrea*, *Cèreus speciosíssimus*, *Opùntia brasiliénsis*, *Cèreus cylíndricus*, *Campànula pyramidàlis*, *Melaleùca diosmæfòlia*, *heliotropes*, *verbenas*, *roses*, *geraniums*, *Tradescántia discolor*, *Fúnkia japónica*, *Vínca rósea*, *Belladonna lily*, *Amaryllis Josephinæ* (in flower,) and other plants, to the number of upwards of forty; also, branches of the *Shephérdia argénteà*, full of fruit.

From W. E. Carter, Botanic Garden, *Técoma capénsis*, *Magnòlia grandiflòra*, *Cratæ'gus glàbra*, *Beaufòrtia decussàta*, *Rhododéndron arbòreum*, *Illíciium floridànnum*, *Hàkea gibbòsa*, *Ròchea falcàta*, *Laúrus excélsa*, *Táxus chinénsis*, *Callistèmon saligna*, *Liàtris latifòlia*, *Tallòta purpùrea*, *Nandìna doméstica*, *Dracæ'na fràgrans*, *Hibíscus Mánihot*, *Eriobótrya japónica*, *Melaleucas*, *daphnes*, *acacias*, *fuchsias*, *ericas*, *diosmas*, *myrtles*, *petunias*, *azaleas*, &c., in all upwards of sixty plants; also, a fine cut specimen of *Hedychium Gardnerianum*. From W. Meller, *Hòya carnòsa*, *Fúchsia tenélla* and *globòsa*, *Cítrus myrtifòlia*, *Plumbàgo capénsis*, *Diòsma ericoibes*, *Gloxínia speciòsa*, *Eugènia austràlis*, *Thùja orientàlis*, *Lauristinus*, *heliotropes*, &c.

From Capt. Sumner, Boston, two Chinese plants, remarkable curiosities, and which attracted, and deservedly so, universal attention. They illustrated fully the Chinese system of gardening, presenting a garden in miniature. From J. L. L. F. Warren, variegated holly, common holly, silver-edged Box, *Stapèlia* sp., *Eugènia austràlis*, *Fúchsia grácilis*, *Erica concínna*, *roses*, *rosemary*, &c. &c.

CUT FLOWERS :—From E. H. Derby, Salem, *Amaryllis Belladonna*, do. var? *O'xalis* sp.? and *Nymphæ'a odoràta*. From John Lewis Russell, a fine bouquet, composed of the following native plants :—*Liàtris scariòsa*, *Gentiàna crínita*, *Neóttia spiràlis*, and *Polygonum articulàtum*. A magnificent specimen of *Gloriòsa supérba*, from Madam Lowell, Roxbury, attracted great admiration. From S. Walker, fine pansies, and specimens of *Tigrídia conchiflòra*. From W. Kenrick, roses in variety. From D. Haggerston, a collection of several varieties of *verbenas*. *Noisette roses*,

very fine, from S. R. Johnson. A bunch of superb German asters, from Mr. Arnold, Cambridgeport. German asters, from Josiah Stickney, Esq. Asters from J. A. Kenrick and S. Sweetser. Verbenas, from J. Breck & Co.

From Hovey & Co., a collection of superb verbenas, including the following twenty species and varieties, many of them new and very splendid, viz :—*Verbena chamædrifolia*, *Arrantiæna*, *Tweedieæna*, and *T. superba*, *Eyreæna*, *teucroides*, *incisa*, *Binneyæna*, *fulgens*, *Wales's seedling*, *Winchestèrii*, *Russèlli*, *Colcórdii*, *Pépperi*, *ignescens*, *Hirstii*, *Richardsòni*, *Powèlli*, *speciosa* and *venosa*. Hovey & Co. sent a collection of ten varieties of most superb double balsams, viz : rose, purple, scarlet, white, mottled, scarlet spotted, crimson spotted, purple spotted, striped, and ruby colored. Messrs. Winship sent a basket of *Passiflora quadrangulàris*.

**DAHLIAS** :—From Josiah Stickney, Ansell's Unique, Horsham Rival, Ingham's Canute, Rienzi, *Sulphurea elegans*, Essex Rival, Clark's Julia, Virgin Queen, *Striata formosissima*, Stanford's Contender, Rosa superba, Grand purple, Marshal Soult, Fire-ball, Ne Plus Ultra, Elphinstone's Coronation, Corinne, Reliance, Climax, Eva, Red Rover, &c. From P. Barnes, Suffolk Hero, Unique, Clio Perfecta, Quilled Perfection, Coronation, Middlesex Rival, Sunbury Hero, Beauty of the North, Conqueror of Europe, Metropolitan Perfection, *Striata formosissima*, Red Rover, &c. &c.

From Hovey & Co., Marshal Soult, Horticulturalist, *Striata formosissima*, Horatio, Beauty of the North, Mrs. Rushton, Stone's Yellow Perfection, Gen. Washington, Reliance, Mrs. Cox, Red Rover, Glory, Reliance, *Sulphurea elegans*, Splendissima, Independent, Duchess of Richmond, Sir Henry Fletcher, Rosetta, Unique, Lord Liverpool, Eva, Quilled Perfection, Princess Victoria, Blandina, &c. From J. A. Kenrick, Duchess of Richmond, Ne Plus Ultra, Rival Yellow, &c.

From M. P. Wilder, Mrs. Rushton, Unique, *Striata formosissima*, Ne Plus Ultra, Beauty of the Plain, Red Rover, Ovid, Advancer, Henry Fletcher, Castanda, Duchess of Richmond, Eva, Iver Hero, Flora Hastings, Contender (Stanford's,) Horticulturist, Bonny Jean, Lewisham Rival, Clio, Perfecta, Girling's Heroine, &c. &c. From D. McIntyre, Eva, Premier, Miss Johnson, Duke of Kent, *Striata formosissima*, Lord Liverpool, Marshal Soult, Bontisholl, Suffolk Hero, Mrs. Broadwood, Countess of Liverpool, Castanda, &c. &c.

From D. Haggerston, Eva, Beauty of Kingscote, Princess Victoria, *Striata formosissima*, Marshal Soult, Unique, Metropolitan Calypso, Angelina, Splendissima, Clio, Perfecta, Dennisii, Red Rover, Lady William Powlett, Gen. Washington, Beauty of the North, &c. From Joseph Breck & Co., *Striata formosissima*, Angelina, Duchess of Richmond, Unique, Rival Sussex, Dennisii, Globe, Countess of Liverpool, Metropolitan Calypso, Paragon, &c. From R. Howe, Mrs. Rushton, Desdemona,

Dennisii, Madonna, Suffolk Hero, Angelina, Red Rover, Countess of Liverpool, &c.

From S. Walker, Mrs. Rushton, Eva, Marshal Soult, *Striata formosissima*, *Desdemona*, Horsham Rival, Unique, Princess Victoria, *Ne Plus Ultra*, Diana, Victory, Napoleon, Lady Webster, Lady Dartmouth, Lilac Perfection, *Sulphurea elegans*, Suffolk Hero, Beauty of West Riding, &c. From W. E. Carter, *Striata formosissima*, Mrs. Rushton, Glory, Quilled Perfection, Countess of Liverpool, Dennisii, Rival Sussex, Unique, Metropolitan Calypso, &c. From J. L. L. F. Warren, dahlias of several kinds. Dahlias were also furnished for the wreaths and decorations, by most of the cultivators.

**BOUQUETS** :—A superb bouquet, for one of the largest alcoves, was contributed by Messrs. Hovey & Co. From Messrs. Winship, smaller bouquets. From W. E. Carter, bouquets; the two latter filled the smaller alcoves in one corner of the room. Mr. Walker contributed the large and two smaller ones which filled the three alcoves in the opposite corner. Besides these, bouquets were sent by R. Howe, W. Kenrick, John Hovey, W. Meller, J. A. Kenrick, &c.

**FRUITS** :—The exhibition of fruits was remarkably fine, and the variety of specimens very numerous: the numbers of contributors did not appear to be so large as usual, but a greater assortment was exhibited, by the more extensive cultivators, than usual. It is almost impossible to particularize among such a variety of excellent fruit those kinds which appeared to be of the greatest merit; our report will show the names of the kinds sent by each contributor. Mr. Manning, as usual, presented a great variety of pears, and among the number we noticed several which have not fruited previous to the present season, in this country, and some of them were taken from trees grafted with scions sent to Mr. Manning, by that great pomologist and originator of new pears, Dr. Van Mons, of Belgium. Mr. Wilder exhibited a great variety of pears, and many of the specimens were very large and fine. Mr. Pond, also, made a fine show; some Dix pairs among his fruit, were decidedly the largest that we have ever seen. E. Phinney, B. V. French, and J. M. Ives, contributed a great variety. Mr. Haggerston's grapes, as usual, were of excellent quality, probably superior to any in the vicinity of Boston: and Mr. Cowan's peaches and nectarines were of surpassing size and beauty. Such a display, we venture to say, could not be made any where else in the Union.

From Mr. Vose, the President of the Society, Napoleon, Petre, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Long green, Winter Warden, Cushing, King of Wurtemberg, Lewis, and Urbaniste pears; Hawthorndean, (beautiful,) Lady Haley's Nonsuch, and large red Sweeting apples; green Flesh, Cantelope, Minorca, and Nutmeg melons, all very fine specimens. From Richard Ward, Roxbury, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Seckel, and Andrews

pears; and several varieties of peaches. From T. W. Lamb, Newton, Williams's Bon Chrétien pears; and several sorts of apples and quinces.

From R. Manning, the following assortment of pears;—Althorp Crasanne, Flemish Beauty, Bon Chrétien Turk, Héricart, Jutte or Buit, and Wredon; these six were now exhibited for the first time; Beurré Bosc, Buffum, Beurré von Marum, Belle Lucrative, Beurré Bronze, Bishop's Thumb, Cushing, Bezi de la Motte, Cabot, (a fine pear,) Bezi Chaumontel, Beurré Duval, Foster's St. Michael, Fulton, Harvard, Bergamotte d'Automne, Golden Beurré of Bilboa, Huguenot, Hacon's Incomparable, Valeé Franche, Jalousie, King Edward, Long Green, Petre, Pope's Russett, Ronville, King of Wurtemberg, Williams's Melting, Surpasse Virgoulouse, Naumkeag, Winter Nelis, Urbaniste, Garnons, green pear of Yair, Fondante du Bois, Louis Bon Real, Forme de Delices, Alpha, and Dearborn's seedling; in all forty-four varieties; the specimens were very handsome: also the following apples;—Emperor Alexander, Fall Harvey, Gravenstein, Murphy, red Crab, Swaar, Ribstone pippin, Beauty of the West, and Victorious Reinette.

From M. P. Wilder, a fine collection of pears, viz:—Bon Chrétien, Fondante, Williams's Bon Chrétien, King of Wurtemberg, Beurré Bronze, Fulton, Easter Beurré, Dix, Surpasse Virgoulouse, Louis Bonne of Jersey, Napoleon, Cumberland, Cushing, Prince's St. Germain, Duchess d'Angoulême, Heathcot, Urbaniste, Belle et Bonne, Belle Lucrative, Raymond, Rouse Lench, Wilkinson, Seckel, Thompson, Queen Catharine, Garnons, Gout Morceau, Belmont, Bleeker's Meadow, Fourcroy, Summer Thorn, Bouvier, Fondante de Bois, Seckel, on the quince, Forelle, Whitfield, Beurré Diel, Passe Colmar, of the first and second crops, the latter on new wood, Chaumontel, Borgemeister, Iron, Catillac, Beurré d'Aremberg, French, (without name,) and the Columbian Virgoulouse; the specimens of the latter were remarkably large and fair, and we doubt not that it will prove a most valuable variety; all Mr. Wilder's specimens were handsome, and of good size.

From J. P. Cushing, Esq., by Mr. Haggerston, fine grapes of the following varieties:—Black Hamburg, Black Maroc, White Sweetwater, St. Peters, Grizzly Frontignac, Syrian, Black Morocco, White Frontignac, and Muscat of Alexandria. From Perrin May, Boston, beautiful brown Beurré and Bon Chrétien pears. From A. D. Capen, Dorchester, Seckel pears. From J. Gardener, Dorchester, Gravenstein apples. From Cheever Newhall, Napoleon, St. Michael, Wilkinson, Urbaniste, Dix, King of Wurtemberg, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Bleeker's Meadow, Knight's Seedling, (?) and Harrison (?) pears; Porter and Gravenstein apples, and native black grapes. From Messrs. Winship, Andrews, King of Wurtemberg, and Capiamont pears, and Gravenstein apples.

From S. Pond, pears, viz:—Passe Colmar, St. Ghislain, Napoleon,

Andrews, Surpasse Virgoulouse, Dix, (very large,) Julienne, Duchess d'Angouleme, Wilkinson, Easter Beurré (superior,) Williams's Bon Chrétien, Beurré Diel, and Cushing; also, Semiana (?) Lombard, Diamond, and Pond's seedling (?) plums, the whole remarkably fine. From J. Heard, Watertown, fine Broca's Bergamot pears. From A. D. Williams, King of Wurtemberg, Chelmsford, Andrews, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Cushing and Summer Thorn pears; and Porter, Sops of Wine and Lady apples. From S. R. Johnson, large clusters of white Frontignac and white Chasselas grapes from the open air.

From B. V. French, a large collection of good fruit, particularly of apples, as follows:—Mela Carle, Black, Ortley pippin, Monstrous pippin, Yellow Bellflower, High-top sweeting, Court Pendu Plat, Porter, Garden Royal, Adams's sweeting, Hawthorndean, Garden Striped, French Sweet, Fall Sops of Wine, Bourasoe, Sweet greening, Pomme de Neige, Dutch Codlin, Templeton Winter Sweet, and red and green Winter Sweet—twenty varieties, and the best collection of this noble fruit in the room; also, Passe Colmar, Chelmsford, Ronville, Archduke of Austria, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Cushing, Harvard, Beurré Von Marum, King's Bon Chrétien and Monsieur Le Curé pears.

From J. M. Ives, Salem, the following pears:—Belle Lucrative, Napoleon, Beurré Bosc, King of Wurtemberg, Raymond, Early Beurré of Prince's *Catalogue*, Beza Montigny, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Cushing, Washington, and Passe Colmar; also, Swaar, Danvers Winter Sweet, Rambo or Romanite, Wellington, Michael Henry pippin, Drap d'or, Mela Carle, and Camfield or Newark Sweeting apples; Crugar's seedling, blue Imperatrice and Sharp's Emperor plums; Skillman's netted and Murray's pine apple melons. From Mrs. Gibbs, Boston, St. Germain, Garnons and St. Michael pears. From Gen. Sumner, Brookline, raspberries of the second crop, on new wood; also, Broca's Bergamotte, green Muscat, Summer Thorn and Heathcot pears.

From J. A. Kenrick, a variety of good fruit, viz:—Kilham Hill, York russett, Hubbardston Nonsuch, Rhode Island greening, Baldwin, Cogswell, Dutch Codlin, Rambour Franc, Pumpkin sweet, yellow Crab, Porter and High-top sweeting apples; St. Michael and Andrews pears; Cutter's yellow rareripe, Morisiana pound, Heath, Van Zandt superb, and Wells's freestone peaches; also water melons. From John Fowle, Roxbury, Williams's Bon Chrétien pears. From Joseph Balch, Roxbury, Grizzly Frontignac, Black Prince, Blanquette, French, and a variety of grape, name unknown—all handsome and fine clusters. From Jos. Pines, Hanover, N. H., sweet baking apples. From William P. Richardson, Salem, Ribstone pippin apples, and Rousselet de Rheims, Broca's Bergamot, and Seckel pears, superior specimens. From S. H. Colton & Co., Worcester, seedling peaches and seedling apples.

From Col. T. H. Perkins, by Mr. Cowan, splendid peaches, nectarines and grapes, viz:—New Royal George and Grosse Galande peaches; Broomfield and Elruge nectarines; and black Hamburg, Muscat of Lunel, Muscat of Alexandria, White Nice, St. Peters, Golden Chasselas, and white sweetwater grapes. From Mrs. T. Bigelow, Medford, Jacques's rareripe, and two varieties of seedling peaches, very fine; St. Michael and Bon Chrétien pears; Monstrous pippin, and blue pearmain apples; striped melons and fine large lemons. From J. Parkman, Brighton, Duchess d'Angoulême and Monsieur Le Curé pears. From C. Warren, Brighton, Williams's Bon Chrétien pears. From C. Sharpe, Brookline, an Imperial watermelon, weighing twenty-two pounds, a very large and superior specimen of this most excellent variety.

From George Brown, Beverly, a good collection of fruit, viz:—Seckel, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Passe Colmar, Van Mons, Napoleon, Summer Thorn, Catillac, Bergamot Nonpareil, and other varieties of pears, without names; seedling nectarines, called the Harrison; also, Drap d'Or, Brattle white, green sweeting, Siberian crab, Holland and Lady apples. From J. Fisher, Brookline, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Seckel, Andrews, St. Michael, Cuisse, Madam, Wilkinson and Cushing pears. From Dr. Burnett, Southborough, Burnett pears. From Capt. George Lee, Cambridge, red Calville and Ribstone pippin apples; Minorca and Imperial watermelons. From E. T. Hastings, Boston, St. Michael pears.

From E. M. Richards, Porter, Hawthorndean, Walpole, Sumner pearmain, Fall Sops of Wine, Fall pippin, Marseilles red, red Ingestrie and yellow Ingestrie apples; also, Cushing, Foster, and Harrison pears. From E. Newbury, Brooklyn, Conn., fine specimens of Jacques's yellow rareripe peaches. From J. J. Low, Roxbury, Gloria Mundi, Ribstone pippin, Bellflower, Mackay sweeting, and blue pearmain apples; also, Andrews, Johonnot, St. Michael, Urbaniste, Fulton and Sylvange Verte pears. From William Pratt, by Mr. McLennan, Andrews pears, and fine specimens of black Hamburg, white Frontignac, and white Sweetwater grapes.

From S. Downer, apples and pears, viz:—Dix, Urbaniste, Marie Louise, and King of Wurtemberg pears; also, Lyscom, Hawthorndean, and red and green Sweeting apples. From George Newhall, Dorchester, Cushing, Fulton, Belle et Bonne, Seckel, King of Wurtemberg, Cumberland, Andrews, Dix, Urbaniste, and Williams's Bon Chrétien pears: also, Hubbardston Nonsuch, Bellflower, and Pumpkin Sweet and Porter apples. From N. N. Dyer, South Abington, Mass., Bourne sweeting, Beam, (very large,) black Bantoe, Elijah, and one variety of apple, name unknown. From John Hovey, two varieties of peaches, and white Sweetwater grapes from the open air. From T. Comstock, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Virgoulouse (?) and St. Michael pears, and spice and Hagloë crab apples.

From Elias Phinney, Lexington, a large collection of pears, apples, peaches and grapes, embracing many new and fine varieties—some of his specimens were very large, fair, and of great beauty. We regret that his list has been mislaid, and that we are not able to give an account of all the different varieties.

From S. Walker, Wilkinson, Orange, Belle de Brussels, Bergamot, and one kind of pear without name: also, Coe's golden Drop plum. From J. L. L. F. Warren, Porter, monstrous pippin, River, and Crab apples; Urbaniste, Washington, and King of Wurtemberg pears; Prince's red rare-ripe, and seedling peaches; Sweetwater grapes grown in the open air; and Imperial watermelons. From F. Tudor, Esq., from his garden at Nahant, Petit Madam, and Winship peaches. From Charles Johnson, Weston, Seckel, and King of Wurtemberg pears, and Hawthorndean apples. From T. Johnson, Chelsea, Citron melons.

VEGETABLES:—The exhibition of vegetables was not so good as last season: but few specimens were sent in, owing probably to the early day of the exhibition, compared with last year. The following are all that were exhibited:—

From E. Phinney, Esq., Lexington, a Harrison squash, weighing one hundred and thirty-seven pounds, a large and very superior specimen of this valuable tribe; also, a large African squash. From A. D. Williams, fine specimens of Autumnal Marrow, and Crookneck winter squashes; also, tomatoes and blood beets. From Richard Ward, Roxbury, very large Lima beans.

From Hovey & Co., superior specimens of the new white carrot, some of them eighteen inches long. From John Hovey, tomatoes. From N. N. Dyer, two ears Brown corn, thirteen inches long, [this appeared to be the Parker.] From Harrison Gray, Roxbury, Spanish tomatoes.—From T. Johnson, Chelsea, Canada Crookneck squash, Parching corn, (ripened in ninety-seven days,) and Early Canada corn, a good specimen. From J. L. L. F. Warren, Seven Years' pumpkin, Autumnal Marrow squash, growth of 1839, Autumnal Marrow squash of this year's crop, and sugar beet.

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## FIRST GRAND DAHLIA SHOW.

SEPTEMBER 23D.....1840.

The first *Grand Dahlia Show* of the Society for premiums, took place on Wednesday, the 23d September. The rooms were open to the public on Wednesday, at twelve o'clock, noon, and continued open till Saturday, the 26th, at six o'clock, P. M.

The exhibition was much finer than the most sanguine cultivator could have anticipated, and the number of competitors for the premiums larger than expected. Nearly three thousand superb blooms of the dahlia, of all colors and shades, were displayed, besides fine collections of asters and annuals, both of which were also exhibited for the Society's premiums. A variety of bouquets, verbenas, and other flowers, were also contributed, which rendered the show much more interesting. Messrs. Hovey & Co. presented a stand of splendid verbenas, and Mr. Walker three fine bouquets. German asters, from Josiah Stickney, S. Sweetser, J. J. Low, and J. L. L. F. Warren.

The rules and regulations of the Society, which had been previously published, were strictly adhered to on the occasion of this exhibition, and we think it will have a greater tendency to spread a correct taste for this beautiful flower, than any exhibition which has ever been made. The blooms were shown in classes of six, twelve, and twenty-four; besides these, there was a grand display of specimens not entered for premium.

The principal contributors were Josiah Stickney, M. P. Wilder, Hovey & Co., D. Haggerston, J. J. Low, S. Walker, D. McIntyre, Jos. Breck & Co., S. Sweetser, W. E. Carter, J. A. Kenrick, Capt. Macondry, W. Kenrick, W. Meller, H. W. Dutton, W. Bacon, J. L. L. F. Warren, P. G. Seabury (New Bedford,) P. Barnes, Messrs. Winship, J. T. Buckingham, Rufus Howe, and A. McLennan.

The names of the dahlias which obtained the prizes awarded by the judges, are as follows:—

#### PREMIER PRIZE.

Best six dissimilar blooms:—Gaines's Primrose, Marshal Soult, Suffolk Hero, Dodd's Mary, Rose Superior, and Lady Bathurst—M. P. Wilder, a premium of \$15.

#### SPECIMEN BLOOM.

Best bloom:—Gaines's Primrose—M. P. Wilder, a premium of \$5. Discretionary premium of \$5, to J. J. Low, for Girling's Castanda.

#### DIVISION A.

*Open to all cultivators of more than two hundred plants.*

#### CLASS I.

Best twenty-four dissimilar blooms:—Lady Bathurst, Marshal Soult, Suffolk Hero, Glory of Plymouth, Hedley's Penelope, Topaz, Castanda, Rival Sussex, Harwood's Defiance, Dodd's Mary, Stanford's Contender, Eva, Ne Plus Ultra, Countess of Liverpool, Glory, Ovid, Springfield Rival, Rosetta, Lord Byron, Dennisii, Striata formosissima, Sir Henry Fletcher, Mrs. Rushton, Yellow Perfection—M. P. Wilder, a premium of \$8.

Second best twenty-four dissimilar blooms :—Suffolk Hero, Springfield Major, Lady Dartmouth, Purple Perfection, Countess of Mansfield, Warminster Rival, Blandina, Sunbury Hero, Grand Purple, Queen of Scots, Maria Edgeworth, Horsham Rival, Sir Henry Fletcher, Marshal Soult, Exquisite, Lilac Perfection, Sulphurea elegans, Mrs. Rushton, Triumphant, Striata formosissima, Red Rover, Unique, Rival Sussex, Napoleon—J. J. Low, a premium of \$6.

## CLASS II.

Best twelve dissimilar blooms :—Lewisham Rival, Castanda, Unique, Fire-ball, Virgin Queen, Eva, Striata Formosissima, Marshal Soult, Clark's Julia, Stanford's Contender, Sulphurea elegans, and Essex Rival—Josiah Stickney, a premium of \$6.

Second best twelve dissimilar blooms :—Gen. Washington, Marshal Soult, Independent (Widnall's,) Cambridge Hero, Sulphurea elegans, Zeno, Blandina, Reliance, Royal Standard, Unique, Elphinstone's Horticulturist, and Duchess of Richmond—Hovey & Co., a premium of \$4.

## CLASS III.

Best six dissimilar blooms :—Beauty of the North, Suffolk Hero, Quilled Perfection, Sulphurea elegans, Dodd's Mary Queen of Scots, and Fowler's Queen Victoria—D. Haggerston, a premium of \$4.

Second best six dissimilar blooms :—Zeno, Unique, Rienzi, Beauty of Bedford, Dennisii, and Fowler's Queen Victoria—J. A. Kenrick, a premium of \$2.

## DIVISION B.

*Open to all cultivators of less than two hundred plants.*

## CLASS I.

Best twenty-four dissimilar blooms :—Castanda, Hope, Marshal Soult, Lady Bathurst, Lord Liverpool, Suffolk Hero, Fire-ball, Striata formosissima, Madonna, Countess of Liverpool, Mrs. Broadwood, Ne Plus Ultra, Sir Robert Peel, Splendissima, Clark's Julia, Bowman's Premier, Bon-tisholl, Eva, Unique, Elliot's Coronation, Rival Sussex, Rienzi, Middlesex Rival, and Lord Ingestrie—D. McIntyre, a premium of \$8.

Second best twenty-four dissimilar blooms :—no prize awarded.

## CLASS II.

Best twelve dissimilar blooms :—Horsham Rival, Sulphurea elegans, Princess Victoria, Gem, Eva, Fowler's Queen Victoria, Napoleon, Suffolk Hero, Duchess of Richmond, Ne Plus Ultra, Unique, and Bowling Green Rival—S. Walker, a premium of \$6.

Second best twelve dissimilar blooms :—Summum Bonum, Cambridge Hero, Sesostris, Princess Victoria, Unique, Mrs. Rushton, Maria Edge-

worth, Countess of Mansfield, Rienzi, Striata formosissima, Marshal Soult, and Quilled Perfection—S. Sweetser, a premium of \$4.

## CLASS III.

Best six dissimilar blooms:—Hope, Lady Dartmouth, Quilled Perfection, Ne Plus Ultra, Countess of Torrington, and Countess of Mansfield—W. Meller, a premium of \$4.

Second best six dissimilar blooms:—Chandler's Magnificent, Mrs. Rush-ton, Lady Milton, Golden Sovereign, Eva, and Mary Queen of Scots—W. E. Carter, a premium of \$2.

No seedling bloom was exhibited for the prize. The second stand of twenty-four, in Division B., was set aside for its generally faulty appearance. There were fifteen entrances for the best specimen bloom, and four for the premier prize. The judges were appointed by a majority of the contributors, and there were a set of judges, consisting of seven, for each division.

At the same time the premiums for German asters and annuals were awarded as follows:—

GERMAN ASTERS.—For the best display, to Messrs. Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	\$5 00
For the second best display, to J. J. Low, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
ANNUALS.—For the best display, to J. Breck & Co., a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the second best display, to Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	2 00

Messrs. S. Walker and ——— Banks were judges.

On Thursday, the 24th, the exhibitors and judges, with a few invited guests, dined together at the Exchange Coffee-House. Among the gentlemen present were Gen. Dearborn, Rev. Mr. Colman, Commissioner of the Agricultural Survey, N. J. Becar, Esq. of New York, and Mr. Buckingham of the Courier. The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements presided, assisted by Mr. D. Haggerston and C. M. Hovey. Upwards of thirty sat down to the dinner.

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 MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, *Sept. 25, 1840.*

The Chairman of the Library Committee read a report. The Report stated that the committee had procured, or made arrangements to procure, the following works:—

MacIntosh's Flower Garden, Green-house and Orchard, 3 vols.—Kollar

on Insects, 1 vol.—Iconography of the Camelia; in folio numbers, monthly: by the Abbe Berlése.—Loudon's Arboretum et Fructicetum Britannicum; 8 vols. 8vo.—Loudon's Suburban Gardener; 1 vol. 8vo.—Loudon's Encyclopedia of Cottage and Village Architecture; 1 large vol. 8vo.—Repton's Landscape Gardening; 1 vol. 8vo.—By J. C. Loudon.—Mrs. Loudon's Flower Garden of Ornamental Annuals; 1 vol. quarto.—Audubon's Birds of America; in semi-monthly numbers.—Catalogue of the London Horticultural Society, last edition.—Loudon's Gardener's Magazine, 2 vols. xv. and xvi., for 1839 and 1840.—Amounting, in all, to about one hundred dollars, exclusive of Audubon's Birds of America, which will cost twenty-five dollars, yearly, till completed. The report was accepted, and, there being no other business, the meeting was dissolved.

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### OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1840--41.

At the annual meeting of the Society, Oct. 1, the following officers were elected for 1840-1841:—

*President.*—M. P. Wilder.

*Vice-Presidents.*—William Oliver, B. V. French, Jonathan Winship, C. Newhall.

*Treasurer.*—Samuel Walker.

*Corresponding Secretary.*—R. T. Paine.

*Recording Secretary.*—E. M. Richards.

*Council.*—S. Downer, A. Aspinwall, T. Lee, William Oliver, Jonathan Winship, B. V. French, E. M. Richards, L. P. Grosvenor, P. B. Hovey, jr., R. Manning, O. Johnson, W. Kenrick.

*Prof. of Botany and Vegetable Physiology.*—John Lewis Russell, A. M.

*Prof. of Entymology.*—T. W. Harris, M. D.

*Prof. of Horticultural Chemistry.*—S. L. Dana, M. D.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Committee on Fruits.*—R. Manning, chairman; B. V. French, William Oliver, S. Downer, P. B. Hovey, jr., L. P. Grosvenor, W. Kenrick, J. A. Kenrick, S. Pond, J. L. L. F. Warren, O. Johnson.

*Committee on Flowers.*—C. M. Hovey, chairman; D. Haggerston, Joseph Breck, S. Sweetser, S. R. Johnson, W. E. Carter, Josiah Stickney.

*Committee on Vegetables.*—S. Pond, chairman; P. B. Hovey, jr., Rufus Howe, John Hovey, A. D. Williams, Joseph Breck, J. A. Kenrick.

*Committee on the Library.*—T. Lee, chairman; R. T. Paine, William Oliver, C. K. Dillaway, C. M. Hovey, R. Manning.

*Committee on Synonyms of Fruit.*—R. Manning, chairman; S. Downer, E. M. Richards, W. Kenrick.

*Executive Committee.*—M. P. Wilder, chairman; William Oliver, B. V. French, E. M. Richards, C. M. Hovey.

*Finance Committee.*—E. Vose, chairman; W. Oliver, B. V. French.

Mr. Vose, in retiring from the chair, which situation he had occupied for several years, expressed his gratification in leaving the Society in a state so much more prosperous than when he first entered upon the duties of his office. At that time, the treasury was completely exhausted, and the Society in debt—now, it was in a prosperous condition, with a surplus fund fully adequate to its present wants. He also expressed to the members the gratitude which he felt in being so well sustained in his efforts to serve the Society to the best of his ability. In taking his official leave of the Society, he bade them farewell.

The President elect, Col. Wilder, then took the chair. The honor, to him, he said, had been unexpected, and he felt that a task had devolved upon him, to fulfil the duties of the office, after the untiring efforts of the able gentleman who had preceded him. If, however, the members would give him their indulgence, he would endeavor to discharge his duties in such a manner as to serve the best interests of the Society.

At a meeting held October 24, 1840—

*Voted, unanimously,* That the thanks of this Society, with a piece of plate, as a testimony thereof, be presented to the Hon. E. Vose, for the many valuable services rendered to the Society, during the period he has discharged the duties as its President.

*Voted,* That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated for this purpose, and that a committee be appointed to procure a piece of plate, and cause a suitable inscription to be engraved thereon, and present the same with the thanks of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Messrs. Samuel Walker, E. M. Richards and Josiah Stickney, were chosen said committee.

At a meeting of the Mass. Horticultural Society, held January 2d, 1841, Mr. Walker transmitted the following correspondence—whereupon it was

*Voted,* That the same be entered on the records of the Society and published in the New England Farmer.

Attest,

E. M. RICHARDS, *Rec. Sec'y.*

*Roxbury, Dec. 25th, 1840.*

DEAR SIR—The undersigned have the honor of being a committee, appointed by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, to present you the thanks of the same, with a piece of plate, as a testimonial of the high

sense entertained of the many and valuable services rendered by you to the Society, during your connection with it as its President.

In requesting your acceptance of this token of respect, we cannot forbear alluding to the prosperous condition in which you leave the affairs of the Society; we attribute this mainly to the able and efficient manner in which you have discharged the duties and responsibilities connected therewith.

Permit us, dear sir, to add, in the performance of this our duty, that we have great pleasure, individually, (as well as on account of the Society,) in expressing the high esteem in which we hold your services.

Accept our best wishes for your long and continued happiness.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

S. WALKER,	} Committee.
E. M. RICHARDS,	
JOSIAH STICKNEY,	

To the HON. ELIJAH VOSE, Dorchester.

*Dorchester, Dec. 26th, 1840.*

GENTLEMEN—I have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 25th instant, communicating to me, by the request of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the expression of its approbation of my official conduct whilst connected with it. I assure you, gentlemen, that I conceive this manifestation of the good opinion of the Society with great sensibility, more especially, as emanating from those who have so long been the eye-witnesses of the conduct which they have seen proper to approve.

To whatever extent it may have fallen to my share to participate in the direction of the affairs of the Society, it has been a paramount object to render it, as far as possible, subservient to the public welfare, by fostering a taste for the various branches of culture which it has been its especial object to promote, by elevating the standard of that taste, and disseminating its influences, so that the beneficial effects, both moral and physical, of the interesting pursuits of horticulture, might be more sensibly felt throughout the community. It is a source of gratification to believe that exertions to this effect are appreciated.

I beg you to convey to the members of the Society my sincere thanks for this testimonial of their regard, and to accept my acknowledgements for the flattering manner in which you have tendered to me the beautiful article presented by them. I shall always highly value it, on account of the interesting associations connected with it.

With sentiments of great respect,

I am very truly, yours,

ELIJAH VOSE.

To S. WALKER. E. M. RICHARDS, and JOSIAH STICKNEY, Esqrs.

## REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES AWARDING PREMIUMS FOR 1840.

At the meeting of the Society, April 24, the Executive Committee presented the following reports of the several committees awarding Premiums for 1840.

### FLOWER COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Flowers respectfully submit the following report of the premiums awarded for the year 1840:—

<i>Hyacinths</i> —For the best display, a premium to Joseph Breck & Co., of . . . . .	\$5 00
<i>Tulips</i> —For the best twelve blooms, to Samuel Walker, a premium of . . . . .	10 00
For the second best twelve blooms, to S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Geraniums</i> —For the best six plants in bloom in pots, to A. Bowditch, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the next best six plants in bloom in pots, to W. Meller, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Pansies</i> —For the best twelve flowers, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best six different varieties, to W. Meller, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best seedling, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
<i>Roses</i> —For the best fifty blooms of hardy roses, to J. A. Kenrick, a premium of . . . . .	8 00
For the second best fifty blooms, to S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	6 00
For the best display of Chinese and other tender varieties, to S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pæonies</i> —For the best display of flowers, to W. Kenrick, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display of flowers, to J. A. Kenrick, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Pinks</i> —For the best display of flowers, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best seedling, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Carnations</i> —For the best display of flowers, to W. Meller, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display, to John Hovey, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>German Asters</i> —For the best display of flowers, to Messrs. Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	5 00

For the second best display of flowers, to J. J. Low, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Annals</i> —For the best display, to Joseph Breck & Co., a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the second best display, to Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	2 00
<i>Dahlias</i> —PREMIER PRIZE: best six blooms, to M. P. Wilder, a premium of . . . . .	15 00
Specimen bloom: the best flower to M. P. Wilder, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
Discretionary premium for second best, to J. J. Low, . . . . .	5 00

## DIVISION A.

## CLASS I.

Best twenty-four blooms, to M. P. Wilder, . . . . .	8 00
Second best twenty-four blooms, to J. J. Low, . . . . .	6 00

## CLASS II.

Best twelve blooms, to J. Stickney, . . . . .	6 00
Second best twelve blooms, to Hovey & Co., . . . . .	4 00

## CLASS III.

Best six blooms, to D. Haggerston, . . . . .	4 00
Second best six blooms, to J. A Kenrick, . . . . .	2 00

## DIVISION B.

## CLASS I.

Best twenty-four blooms, to D. McIntyre, . . . . .	8 00
Second best twenty-four blooms (no prize).	

## CLASS II.

Best twelve blooms, to S. Walker, . . . . .	6 00
Second best twelve blooms, to S. Sweetser, . . . . .	4 00

## CLASS III.

Best six blooms, to W. Meller, . . . . .	4 00
Second best six blooms, to W. E. Carter, . . . . .	2 00

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The Committee have exceeded the amount voted to them by the Society, \$48 00. It was their intention to ask for a larger sum last spring, but, upon further consultation, they concluded to offer suitable premiums for the encouragement of the dahlia, a plant which adds so much to the interest of our annual displays, and leave it for the Society to make up the deficit at the end of the season.

The Committee are happy to have it in their power to state, that the

shows have been much more interesting than usual; that the specimens of flowers exhibited, with the exception of carnations, have been very beautiful, and the premiums have been worthily gained by the respective exhibitors. They only regret that it was not in their power to award a larger sum, and for a greater variety of objects, which are well deserving of encouragement.

In conclusion, they would hope that the funds of the Society will enable them to devote a more liberal sum for premiums, believing that in no way can the interests of the science of horticulture be so much advanced.

Respectfully submitted.

C. M. HOVEY, *Chairman.*

[The appropriation of money for the Flower Committee having been but \$125, the Executive Committee could not approve of the report, without its being reduced to that amount, and it was then accepted, with the provision that the premiums should be paid *pro rata* on that sum.]

#### FRUIT COMMITTEE.

The Fruit Committee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for 1840-41, recommend for the approval of the Executive Committee the following Premiums on Fruits, to be paid from an appropriation made for that purpose :—

<i>Apples</i> —For the best Summer Apples, to John Hovey, Roxbury,	\$5 00
For the best Autumn, to George Lee, West Cambridge,	5 00
For the best Winter, to Benjamin V. French, Braintree,	5 00
<i>Pears</i> —For the best Summer Pears, to Samuel Pond, Cambridge Port,	5 00
For the best Autumn, to Samuel Pond, Cambridge Port,	5 00
For the best Winter, to Marshal P. Wilder, Dorchester,	5 00
<i>Cherries</i> —For the best Cherries, to Elijah Vose, Dorchester,	5 00
For the next best, to John A. Kenrick, Newton,	4 00
<i>Peaches</i> —For the best Peaches, open culture, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton,	5 00
For the next best, (a seedling,) to E. M. Richards, Dedham,	4 00
For the best under glass, to Mr. Milne, Portland, Me.,	5 00
<i>Plums</i> —For the best plums, to Samuel Pond,	5 00
<i>Grapes</i> —For the best foreign grapes under glass, to David Haggerston, Watertown,	10 00
For the best foreign grapes, open culture, to Samuel R. Johnson, Charlestown,	5 00
<i>Nectarines</i> —For the best nectarines, to Elias Phinney, Lexington,	5 00
<i>Quinces</i> —For the best quinces, \$3 00 each to Elijah Vose, Dorchester, and Samuel Pond,	6 00

<i>Gooseberries</i> —For the best gooseberries, to John Hovey, Roxbury, . . . . .	5 00
<i>Raspberries</i> —For the best raspberries, to Aaron D. Weld, Roxbury, . . . . .	5 00
<i>Strawberries</i> —For the best strawberries, to Messrs. Hovey & Co., Boston, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, . . . . .	4 00
<i>Currants</i> —For the best currants, to Aaron D. Williams, Roxbury, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Melons</i> —For the best muskmelons, to Elijah Vose, Dorchester, . . . . .	3 00
For the best watermelons, to Clement Sharp, Roxbury, . . . . .	3 00
For a great variety of pears, a gratuity to R. Manning, Salem, . . . . .	10 00
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	\$122 00

The amount of Premiums awarded is one hundred and twenty-two dollars, being within the amount appropriated for that purpose; which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN V. FRENCH, *Chairman.*

#### VEGETABLE COMMITTEE.

The Committee would report the following Premiums for the year 1840 :

<i>Asparagus</i> —No premium,	
<i>Beans</i> —Large Lima, to E. Vose, . . . . .	\$3 00
Early Dwarf—no premium.	
<i>Brocoli</i> —No premium.	
<i>Beets</i> —To A. D. Williams, . . . . .	2 00
<i>Cabbages</i> —No premium.	
<i>Carrots</i> —No premium.	
<i>Cauliflower</i> —No premium.	
<i>Celery</i> —No premium.	
<i>Corn</i> —For boiling, to J. L. L. F. Warren, . . . . .	2 00
<i>Cucumbers</i> —To J. L. L. F. Warren, . . . . .	4 00
<i>Lettuce</i> —No premium.	
<i>Peas</i> —To J. L. L. F. Warren, . . . . .	4 00
<i>Potatoes</i> —No premium.	
<i>Rhubarb</i> —To Samuel Walker, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Squashes</i> —Winter, to A. D. Williams, . . . . .	3 00
Summer—no premium.	
<i>Tomatoes</i> —To John Hovey, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Egg Plant</i> —To E. M. Richards, . . . . .	2 00
<i>Brussels Sprouts</i> —To John Prince, . . . . .	2 00
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	\$27 00

The Committee recommend the following gratuities :—

To Messrs. Hovey & Co., for fine specimens of white carrot, exhibited at the annual exhibition, . . . . .	\$2 00
To E. Phinney, Esq., Lexington, for the very fine specimen of Squash, called "Harrison Squash," a gratuity of	4 00
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	\$33 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL POND, *Chairman.*

*April 24th, 1841.*

MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, *June 5, 1841.*

The new Constitution reported at the last stated meeting, came up for its final acceptance. It was taken up in sections, and after some discussion, adopted as the Constitution of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, *June 19, 1841.*

The President read a letter from D. Haggerston, gardener to J. P. Cushing, Esq., respecting the destruction of the *rose slug*, and expressing his desire to compete for the premium offered by the Society for destroying this injurious insect. The report was referred to the chairman of the Flower Committee, with a request that they report thereon as soon as practicable.

The communication from Mr. Haggerston was as follows :—

*To the President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.*

SIR :—Having discovered a cheap and effectual mode of destroying the *rose slug*, I wish to become a competitor for the premium offered by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

After very many satisfactory experiments with the following substance, I am convinced it will destroy the above insect in either of the states in which it appears on the plant, as the fly when it is laying its eggs, or as the slug, when it is committing its depredations on the foliage.

*Whale oil soap*, dissolved at the rate of two pounds to fifteen gallons of water: I have used it stronger without injury to the plants, but find the above mixture effectual in the destruction of the insect. I find, from experiments, there is a difference in the strength of the soap; it will be

better for persons using it to try it diluted as above, and if it does not kill the insect, add a little more soap, with caution.

In corresponding with Messrs. Downer, Austin & Co., on the difference in its appearance, they say, "whale oil soap varies much in its relative strength, the article not being made as soap, but being formed in our process of bleaching oil; when it is of very sharp taste and dark appearance, the alkali predominates, and when light-colored and of flat taste, the grease predominates." The former I have generally used, but have tried the light-colored, and find it equally effectual, but requires a little more soap, say two pounds to thirteen gallons of water.

*Mode of preparation.*—Take whatever quantity of soap you wish to prepare, and dissolve it in boiling water, about one quart to a pound; in this state strain it through a fine wire or hair sieve, which takes out the dirt, and prevents its stopping the valves of the engine, or the rose of the syringe; then add cold water to make it the proper strength; apply it to the rose bush with a hand-engine or syringe with as much force as practicable, and be sure that every part of the leaves are well saturated with the liquid; what falls to the ground in application will do good in destroying the worms and enriching the soil, and from its trifling cost, it can be used with profusion; a hogshead of one hundred and thirty-six gallons costs forty-five cents, not quite four mills per gallon. Early in the morning, or in the evening, is the proper time to apply it to the plants.

As there are many other troublesome and destructive insects the above preparation will destroy, as effectually as the rose slug, it may be of benefit to the community to know the different kinds upon which I have tried it with success.

*The Thrips*, often called the vine-fretter, a small, light-colored or spotted fly, quick in motion, which in some places are making the rose bush nearly as bad in appearance, as the effects of the slug.

*Aphis*, or plant louse, under the name of green or brown fly; an insect not quick in motion, very abundant on, and destructive to, the young shoots of the rose, peach trees, and many other plants. The Black Fly, a very troublesome and destructive insect, that infests the young shoots of the cherry and the snow-ball tree. I have never known any positive cure for the effects of this insect, until this time.

*Two varieties* of insects that are destructive to, and very much disfigure evergreens, the balsam or balm of Gilead fir in particular; one an aphid, the other very much like the rose slug.

*The Acarus*, or red spider, that well-known pest to gardeners.

The above insects are generally all destroyed by one application, if properly applied to all parts of the foliage; the eggs of most insects continue to hatch in rotation during their season; to keep the plants perfectly clean, it will be necessary to dress them two or three times.

*The disease, Mildew*, on the gooseberry, peach, grape vine, &c. &c., is checked, and entirely destroyed by a weak dressing of the solution.

*The Canker Worm*. As the trees on this place are not troubled with this worm, I have not had an opportunity of trying experiments by dressing the trees, but have collected the worms, which the liquid kills by being touched with it. The expense of labor and engines for dressing large trees, to be effectual, may be more than the application of it will warrant ; but I think, by saturating the ground under the trees with the liquid, about the time the insects change from the chrysalis state and ascend the trees, it will destroy them ; or when the moths are on the trees, before laying their eggs, they may be destroyed without much labor. In either case, the mixture may be applied much stronger than when it comes in contact with the foliage. Laying it on the trunk and branches of the tree, of the consistency of thick paint, destroys the brown scaly insect on the bark, and gives the tree a smooth, glossy, and healthy appearance.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

DAVID HAGGERSTON.

Watertown, June 19, 1841.

At this meeting the following business was also transacted.

On motion of Mr. S. Walker, it was voted, that the Society offer a premium of one hundred dollars for a successful mode of destroying the curculio, which has been so injurious to the plum tree. After this vote was passed, Mr. Haggerston stated that he was requested to place at the disposal of the Society the sum of one hundred dollars, from the hands of gentlemen interested in Horticulture, to be added to the amount of the premium offered by the Society, making the whole *two hundred dollars*, and it was voted that the whole subject should be under the charge of the Fruit Committee. It was then voted that the premiums offered by the Society, with the exception of gratuities, and those offered in connection with T. Lee, Esq., be confined to members of the Society.

The Committee appointed to procure a new plate for a diploma, made a verbal report that they had attended to that duty, and procured the engravings, of which they submitted a copy for the inspection of the members. The report was accepted, and the thanks of the Society were tendered to the Committee for the acceptable manner in which they had discharged their duty. They were requested to procure a sufficient number of impressions for the use of the Society.

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

“ To study Nature was the task designed,  
And learn from her th'enlargement of the mind.  
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Learn from her works whatever Truth admires.”

Another season has, in its course, brought the friends of Flora and Pomona together. They have exhibited and compared their various specimens of flowers and fruits; and notwithstanding the season has been unusually hot and dry, still the earth has yielded her increase, and our hall has been decorated with the things that delight the eye, and our tables loaded with fruits of the choicest kinds.

The hall of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society was opened to the public at noon on Wednesday Sept. 22d; and, although the Mechanics' Fair was drawing thousands to admire the works of *Art*, the hall was soon filled with visitors. It is with pleasure we record the fact, that the taste for fruits and the love of flowers are on the increase. The exhibition closed on Friday, at 9 o'clock p. m.; and though the weather was unfavorable, yet the room was filled with company, many of whom retired with reluctance—an evidence of the interest felt by the public in the science of horticulture.

With these few introductory remarks, we submit the following report:—

FLOWERS.

Our friends are aware that this is not the season, with the exception of the dahlia, for fine flowers; we shall therefore confine our report to a list of the names of the contributors, with a brief notice of such specimens as were new, rare, or of great beauty.

*Plants in Pots*—from the garden of J. P. Cushing, Esq. Watertown; by Messrs. Winship, Brighton; from the Botanic Garden, Cambridge, by W. E. Carter; from the Public Garden, Boston, by John Cadness; by S. Sweetser, Woburn; by J. T. Smith, Roxbury; by E. N. Perkins, Roxbury, and Messrs. P. Barnes, Thos. Willot and T. H. Felt, of Boston.

We noticed fine specimens of *Coryphara embraculifera*, and *C. taliera*, by Mr. Cushing; *Cactus senilis*, and *Banksia* sp.? by Mr. Carter; *Lisianthus Russellianus*, by Mr. Cadness; *Rhodochiton volubile*, from Mr. E. N. Perkins; *Brunsvigia falcata*, by Mr. Willot; and *Lagerstrœmia indica*, by the Messrs. Winship.

*Dahlias.* The display of dahlias was fine. The principal contributors were M. P. Wilder, Esq. president of the society; Messrs. D. McIntire, J. Stickney, Hovey & Co., J. J. Low, F. W. Macondry, Dutton, Winship, Haggerston, Cadness, McLennan, Carter, J. Breck & Co., Sweetser, Barnes, Sprague, Bacon, Vila, Ware, J. A. Kenrick, Wm. Kenrick, Ellery, and S. Walker.

In the collection of the president, and also in the stand of Mr. J. Stickney, we noticed *Pickwick*, a new and beautiful variety. It has often been said that there is much in a name; and while we pen this report, we have the original *Pickwick* before us, in our mind's eye, and imagine we hear him exclaim—

“ In light's ethereal beauty drest,  
Behold, behold the favored flower,  
Which Flora's high commands invest  
With ensigns of imperial power.”

We also noticed, in the collection of Mr. Wilder, charming specimens of *Primrose*, *Marshal Soult*, and *Wheeler's Maria*.

In the stand of Dr. McIntire, (who is one of the best and most successful cultivators of the dahlia in the country,) we found beautiful specimens of *Eva*, *Marshal Soult*, and *Ne Plus Ultra*.

In addition to a fine specimen of *Pickwick*, we also noticed extra fine flowers of *Argo* and *Miss Johnson*, by Mr. J. Stickney; *Ne Plus Ultra*, by Mr. David Haggerston; *Duchess of Richmond* and *Eva*, by Mr. Low; *Charles XII.* and *Fireball*, by Mr. Dutton; *Fireball*, by Mr. Bacon, and *Fireball extra*, by Mr. Sprague; *Frances*, by Mr. P. Barnes; *Lady Bathurst*, by Mr. S. Sweetser; *Ne Plus Ultra*, and *Hero of Tippecanoe*, by Hovey and Co.; *Virgin Queen*, by Messrs. Winship; *Duchess of Kent*, by Capt. F. W. Macondry; *Unique* and *Marshal Soult*, by Mr. W. E. Carter; *Constantia* and *Egyptian Prince*, by Mr. Cadness; *Reliance*, by Mr. Vila; *Hope*, by P. Ware; *Glory of Plymouth* and *Royal Standard*, by S. Walker.

*Bouquets*—by Messrs. Ellery, J. Breck and Co. Warren, Winship, Wales, Haggerston, Wm. Kenrick, Cadness, Carter, Sweetser, John A. Kenrick and S. Walker.

*Cut Flowers*—from the gardens of Messrs. Wm. Kenrick, J. Breck & Co. Low, Hovey & Co. Jno. A. Kenrick, A. H. Hovey, McLennan, Haggerston, Ellery, N. P. Kleinstrop, Sweetser, Ware, Macondry, Winship, Wales, Warren, Cadness and Walker.

Mrs. Bigelow, of Medford, presented some very fine specimens of cut flowers, among which we noticed some lilacs. Hon Joseph H. Cabot, of Salem, sent us a fine specimen of *Lychnis bungeana*; and though last not least in our estimation, some fine specimens of *Viola grandiflora* were presented by the Messrs. Hovey & Co.

#### FRUITS.

The number of varieties, and the quality of the fruit exhibited on the present occasion, far exceeded that of any previous year. There were upwards of 120 varieties of the pear from Mr. Robt. Manning, of Salem; more than forty varieties from M. P. Wilder, Esq., president of the society; and about the same number from the garden of J. P. Cushing, Esq. of Watertown; also very liberal contributions by Messrs. E. Vose, of Dorchester; B. V. French, of Braintree; S. Downer, of Dorchester; Otis Johnson, of Lynn; Geo. Brown, of Beverly; L. P. Grosevnor, of Pomfret, Conn.; C. Newhall, of Dorchester; J. Fisher, of Brookline; William Kenrick, of Newton; William Oliver, of Dorchester; J. L. L. F. Warren, of Brighton; Josiah Lovett, 2d, of Beverly; S. Pond, of Cambridgeport; Frederic Tudor, of Nahant, and others.

We would particularly notice the following, as being very superior specimens, viz: in Mr. Manning's large collection of Pears, the Flemish Beauty, Urbaniste, St. Michael's, Beurré gris, Alpha, King Edward, Andrews; Huguenot, Beurré Diel, Golden Beurré of Bilboa, Dix, Colmar of Autumn, and the following among many new varieties which have not before been exhibited: Comte de Lamy, Althorpe Crasanne, (large and handsome,) St. Germain (Van Mons,) Delight of Charles, (from Van Mons—fine,) Doyenne nouvelle, St. André Bon Louise royale, (from Van Mons—very handsome,) Foster's St. Michael, (raised in the State of Maine from seed of the old St. Michael's—large and beautiful, with very clear skin,) Bon Parent and Colmar of Autumn.

In the collection from the President of the Society, the Columbian, Urbaniste, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Gôut morceau, Passe Colmar, Beurré Diel and Dix Pears.

From George Brown, Beverly; Jalousie, Brown Beurré, Seckel, Duchesse d' Angouleme and Beurré Diel Pears.

The specimens of Duchesse d' Angouleme Pears sent by Josiah Lovett, of Beverly, were the largest on the tables, and truly splendid.

In the collection from the garden of J. P. Cushing, Watertown, very large and beautiful Chaumontel, Brown Beurré, St. Germain, Beurré Rance, Cushing, and Duchesse d' Angouleme Pears, and very superior specimens of Black Hamburg, Muscat of Alexandria and Frontignac Grapes.

Very fine St. Michael Pears, from the garden of Mrs. Bigelow, Medford.

Bartlett Pears from A. D. Williams, Roxbury.

Excellent Sweetwater grapes, by S. R. Johnson, Charlestown.

Isabella Grapes, very large and fine, by J. L. Ferguson, New Bedford.

Bartlett, and Andrews Pears, from J. Fisher, Brookline.

The Seckel and Brocas Bergamot Pears, from Thomas Dowse, Cambridge, were of extraordinary size and beauty.

Napoleon, Beurré Diel and St. Michael Pears, from Cheever Newhall, very fine.

From S. Pond—Beurré Diel, (very large,) Duchesse d' Angouleme, Dix, Easter Beurré, Marie Louise and Urbaniste Pears; also Lombard, and Semiana or Blue Imperatrice Plums.

Porter Apples, by Aaron Hill.

Very large Peaches, from John Hill, West Cambridge.

Elrage Nectarines, from George Lee, were beautiful.

The collection of Apples by B. V. French, of Braintree, was very large, and the specimens remarkably handsome.

The Gravenstein, Hawthorndean, and Lady Haley's Nonsuch Apples, from E. Vose, were splendid specimens.

Beurré d' Aremberg, Green Sugar, Napoleon, Jalousie, St. Michael and Buffum Pears, in the collection of Otis Johnson, were superior.

Fine Napoleon, Rousselet d' Rheims, and Beurré Diel Pears, and beautiful Peaches, from J. L. L. F. Warren, of Brighton.

The Bartlett Pears by Samuel Phipps, Dorchester, were unrivalled.

A basket of Seedling Peaches, called the Martin Rareripe, contributed by S. Sweetser, were very large and rich.

Jaques' Rareripe Peaches, by E. Newberry, were superb specimens.

St. Michael Pears, by Charles Ford, Roxbury, were remarkably fair and large.

Grapes from William Pratt's garden, by Alex. McLennan, were rich and finely ripened.

The Brown Beurré Pears, contributed by Perrin May, Boston, would rank among the best specimens exhibited.

The following are the different varieties of fruit contributed :—

From Marshall P. Wilder, Dorchester, President of the Society :—  
*Pears*—Bleeker's Meadow; Louise Bonne de Jersey; Van Mons; Thompson; Welbeck; Rousselet d' Rheims; Pope's Quaker; Borgemeister of Bolwiller; Seckel; Duchesse d' Angouleme; Comprette of Van Mons; Bergamotte de Paques; Passe Colmar; Alpha; Buffum; Chaumontelli; Capiamont; Belmont; Bon Chrétien Fondante; Bartlett; Roi de Wirtemberg; Belle et Bonne; Catillac; Long Green; Gôut Morceau; Eas-

ter Beurré ; Belle Lucrative ; Beurré d' Aremberg ; Pound ; Monsieur le Curé ; Heathcote ; Urbaniste ; Prince's St. Germain ; Wilkinson ; Columbian ; Dix ; Verte longue d' Automne ; Cushing ; Rousse Lench ; Marie Louise ; Queen Catherine ; Culotte de Suisse ; Brown Beurré ; Beurré Diel.

*Apples*—Minister and Fall Harvey.

*Quinces*—Orange.

From Robert Manning, Salem : *Pears*—King Edward, Queen of the Low Countries, Bezi de la Motte, Marie Louise, Beurré gris, Urbaniste, Alpha, Beurré d' Amalis, Easter Beurré, Madotte, St. Ghislain, Bezi Chaumontel, Comte de Lamy, Reine de Poires, Monsieur le Curé, Napoleon, Genesee, Beurré Colmar of Autumn, Harvard, Comte de Michaux, Enfant des Prodiges, Belle et Bonne, Epine d' Eté, Cabot, Belle Lucrative, Van Assene, St. Andre, Great Citron of Bohemia, Pailleau, Calabash, Rousselette de Meester, St. Germain, (Van Mons), Beurré Bonnet, Beurré Bosc, Doyenne Blanc, Johonnet, Pope's Russet, Charles of Austria, Sieulle, Beurré Bronze, Dumortier, Dundas, Delight of Charles, Queen Caroline, Whitfield, Wredow, Parmenter, Gôut Morceau, Marquis, Henry IV., Wurtemberg, Black Pear of Worcester, Wilkinson, Styrian, McLaughlin, Winter Orange, Winter Nelis, Wilbur, Prince's St. Germain, Bon Parent, Fig Extra, Croft Castle, Petre, Beurré d' Angleterre, Niell, Bonne Louise Royale, Amandes double, Tillington, Beurré Duval, Passe Colmar, Jalousie de Fontenay de Vindry, Doyenne Nouvelle Bossouck, Beurré Diel, English Autumn Bergamot, French Autumn Bergamot, Cumberland, Green Pear of Yair, Beurré Van Marum, Surpasse Virgouleuse, Naumkeag, Long Green of Europe, Flemish Beauty, Bishop's Thumb, Duchesse d' Angoulême, Althorpe Crassane, Bartlett, Beurré d' Aremberg, Andrews, Duchess of Mars, Catillac, Clara, Uvedale's St. Germain, Buffum, Foster's St. Michael, Hooper's Bilboa, Long Green, Fulton, Dearbon of Van Mons, Dix, Bowdoin, Bergamotte de Paques, Bezi de Montigny, Josephine, Lewis, Green Sugar, Heathcote, Flenkil, Hericart, Bon Chrétien Fondante, Frangipane, Fondante (Van Mons), Echassarie, and eight new kinds from Van Mons—names unknown.

*Apples*—Crowningshield Sweet, Superb Sweet, Monstrous Pippin, R. I. Greening, Pigeonette, Danvers Winter Sweet, Victorious Reinette, Ossipee Cream, Pennock's Red Winter, Lyscom, Canadian Reinette, Ribstone Pippin, Yellow Bellflower, Murphy, New Red Crab, Boxford, Gravenstein, Rambour Franc, Maiden's Blush, Fall Pippin, Sam Young, Pound, Fall Harvey, Ortlely Pippin, Ross Nonpareil.

By D. Haggerston, (from Mr. J. P. Cushing's, Watertown) : *Grapes*—Black Hamburg, Morocco, Muscat of Alexandria, White Sweetwater, White Frontignac.

*Nectarines*—Violet, Duc de Filley, Downton, Brugnion, Red Roman.

*Peaches*—Royal Charlotte, Noblesse, Double Mountain, Royal George, White Magdalen, Gross Mignonne, Teton de Venus.

*Pears*—Bartlett, Andrews, Bon Chrétien, Monsieur le Curé, Verte longue, Sieulle, Beurré d' Aremberg, Chaumontel, Colmar Souverain, Beurré Rance, Beurré Blanc, Verte longue Panache, Duchesse d' Angouleme, Fortunee, Beurré d' Angleterre, Bezi Vaet, Bergamot Caditte, Beurré d' Amalis, Poir d' Hiver, Beurré d' Hiver, Doyenné gris, Colmar, Colmar d' Eté, Beurré Diel, St. Germain, Napoleon, Brown Beurre, St. Michael, Beurré gris, Colmar Espineaux, Bezi de Montigny, Epine d' Ete, Belle et Bonne, Rousselette de Rheims, St. Germain panache, Beurré dore, Ne plus Meuris, Gansell's Bergamot.

By L. P. Grosvenor, Boston: *Pears*—Bartlett, Bon Chrétien, Bonne Louise, Urbaniste, Duchesse d' Angouleme, Chaumontel, St. Michael, Sylvanache Verte, Passe Colmar, St. Germain, Belle, Harvard.

*Peaches*—Seedlings, three kinds.

*Apples*—Chandler, Porter, Greening, Pearmain, Queen Anne, Lewis's Favorite, Black Gillyflower, Spitzenburg, Baldwin, Pippin, Peck's Pleasant, Hawthorndean, Nonesuch, Striped, Company, Benoni, Black.

By S. G. Whiting, Dedham: *Pears*—St Michael, Whiting.

By H. H. Crapo, New Bedford: *Grapes*—Sweetwater.

By J. L. Ferguson, New Bedford: *Grapes*—Isabella.

By S. Pond, Cambridgeport: *Pears*—Duchesse d' Angouleme, Marie Louise, Beurré Diel, Andrews, Bartlett, Cushing, Burnet, Urbaniste, Dix, Easter Beurré, Julienne, Wilbur, St. Ghislain.

*Plums*—Lombard, Semiana, Corses, Coolidge.

By C. Ford, Roxbury: *Pears*—two baskets of St. Michael, 1 do of Seckel.

By Thomas Dowse, Cambridgeport: *Pears*—Seckel and Broca's Bergamot.

By Stephen W. Jackson, Boston: *Quinces*—Orange.

By J. T. Wheelwright, Newton: *Apples*—Washington, Greenings.

*Pears*—Bartlett, Chaumontel.

By B. D. Whitney, Northboro': *Apples*—Quince, Red, Herefordshire, Red Streak, Blue Pearmain, Pumpkin Sweet, Cathed, Sumner Pearmain, Red Hamburg.

*Pears*—Beurré Bosc, Harvard.

By Rev. Mr. Allen, Northboro': *Apples*—name unknown.

By Cheever Newhall, Dorchester: *Pears*—St. Michael, Pound, Beurré, Rance, Beurré Diel, Bartlett, Napoleon, Surpasse Virgouleuse, Wilkinson, Chaumontel.

*Apples*—Gravenstein, Williams's Favorite, Pippin.

From S. Downer, Dorchester: *Pears*—Dix, King of Wurtemberg, Diel, Urbaniste, Fulton, Marie Louise, D' Aremberg, Wilkinson, Monsieur John.

*Apples*—Esopus Spitzenburg, Show, Horn, or Ramshorn, Pumpkin Sweet.

From J. F. Pierce, Dorchester : *Apples*—Squash.

*Pears*—St. Michael.

From Wm. Oliver, Dorchester : *Peaches*—President.

*Pears*—Duchesse d'Angouleme, Seckel, St. Michael, Urbaniste, Capiamont, Broca, Bergamot.

From George Brown, Beverly : *Pears*—Bartlett, Seckel, Brown Beurré, Jalousie, Prince's St. Germain, Urbaniste, Easter Beurré, St. Michael, La Vanstalle or Princesse d'Orange, two French, names unknown.

*Apples*—Drap d'Or, Spitzenburg, Baldwin, Pomme d'Api, Cresy, Sweeting, Pickman Pippin, Siberian Crab, Blue Pearmain.

*Peaches*—White Malacatune.

*Nectarines*—Harrison.

From Wm. Stearns, Salem : *Pears*—Tarbel, Chelmsford, Endicott.

From Josiah Lovett, 2d, Beverly : *Pears*—Duchesse d'Angouleme, Beurré Diel, Bartlett, D'Aremberg, Seckel, Bezi de la Motte, Frederic of Wurtemberg.

*Apples*—Baldwin, Drap d'Or, Kilham Hill.

From William McIntosh, West Roxbury : *Apples*—Pompkin Sweeting, Roxbury Russet, Fall Russet, Snow Russet, St. Petersburg.

*Pears*—Four kinds, unknown.

From George Pierce, West Cambridge : *Peaches*—Willow, Royal George.

From Wm. Kenrick, Newton : *Pears*—Beurré d'Aremberg, Easter Beurré, Capiamont, Gôut Morceau, or Beurré d'Aremberg of France, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Fulton, Catillac, Dr. Hunt's Connecticut, Passe Colmar.

*Peaches*—Malta or Belle de Paris, Catherine, Old Mixon, Vineuse, Tardif, Pavie Abricote.

From E. M. Richards, Dedham : *Apples*—Lyscom, Fall Sopsavine, Fall Pippin, Seek-no-farther, Codlin.

From Otis Johnson, Lynn : *Pears*—Buffum, Princesse d'Orange, Borgemeister, Catillac, Pound, D'Aremberg, Summer Thorn, Roi de Wurtemberg, Easter Beurré, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Passe Colmar, Bleeker's Meadow, Napoleon, Washington, Bonne Louise de Jersey, Green Sugar, St. Michael, Jalousie, Hericart, Bartlett, Admiral, Culotte de Suisse, Long Green of Autumn, three kinds, name unknown.

From Kendall Bailey, Charlestown : *Grapes*—White Sweetwater, Isabella, Bed Chasselas.

From J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton : *Apples*—Gloria Mundi, Porter, Greening, Golden Russet, River, Lady, Baldwin.

*Pears*—Napoleon, Urbaniste, Seckel, Rousselette de Rheims, Julienne, Brown Beurré, Maria Louise.

*Peaches*—Red and Yellow Rareripe, Teton de Venus, Red Magdalen, Petite Magdalen, Petite France, Lemon Rareripe, Late Royal George, Yellow Malacatune, Kenrick's Heath.

From John Hawkins, Baltimore : *Apples*.

From Messrs. Winship, Brighton—Shephardia, or Buffalo berry, Physalis Peruviana, three kinds, a new fruit from Calcutta, South America and the State of Michigan.

From Francis R. Bigelow, Medford : *Grapes*—Isabella.

*Apples*—Rambour Franc, Monstrous Pippin, Red and Green Sweet.

*Pears*—Spanish Good Christian, St. Michael.

From Benjamin V. French, Braintree : *Pears*—Floreille, Beurré Romain, Jaminette, Long Green, Louise Bonne, Beurré Van Mons, Buffum, Beurré gris, five kinds unknown.

*Apples*—Dutch Codlin, Canada Reinette, Yellow Bellflower, Jericho, Monstrous Pippin, Ruggles, Moore's Red Winter, French's Sweet, Gardiner's Striped, Gardiner's Sweet, 6 varieties, names unknown.

From A. D. Williams, Roxbury : *Apples*—Porter, Ramshorn, Lady, Gravenstein.

*Pears*—Bartlett, a kind unknown.

*Grapes*—Black Hamburg.

From Dr. Burnet, Southboro' : *Pears*—Kenrick of Van Mons, Burnet, Henrietta of Van Mons.

*Apples*—Seedling.

From Walter Cornel, Milton, by Joseph Arnold, jr., *Grapes*—Black Hamburg.

From John Hovey, Roxbury : *Grapes*—Sweetwater (open culture).

*Peaches*—Red Rareripe.

*Apples*—Pumpkin Sweet.

*Pears*—name unknown.

From S. Sweetser, Woburn : *Peaches*—Martin's Rareripe.

From Samuel Walker, Roxbury : *Pears*—Capsheaf, Bartlett, Fondante Bergamotte of Van Mons, kind, name unknown.

From Elijah Vose, Dorchester : *Pears*—Napoleon, Marie Louise, Urbaniste, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Buffum, Dix, Bezi de la Motte, Long Green, Warden, Cushing, Pope's Quaker, Roi de Wirtemberg.

*Apples*—Gravenstein, Boxford, Summer Pearmain, Hawthorndean, Lady Haley's Nonsuch, Large Red Sweeting.

From N. N. Dyer, Abington : *Apples*—Hightop Sweeting, two Seedlings.

From Dana Dowse, Brighton : *Apples*—Monstrous Pippin.

From George Lee, West Cambridge : *Apples*—Ribstone Pippins, Swan's Sweeting.

*Pears*—unknown.

*Nectarines*—Elruge.

*Grapes*—Native Perry.

From J. Fisher, Brookline : *Pears*—Bartlett, Seckel, St. Michael, Andrews, Wilkinson, Roi de Wirtemberg, Passe Colmar, one unknown.

From Nathaniel Clapp, Dorchester : *Pears*—Bartlett, Broca's Bergamot. *Peaches*—Seedling, Clingstones.

From Edward Winslow, Roxbury : *Pears*—Roi de Wirtemberg.

*Peach*—Malacatune.

From D. K. Wilder, Lancaster, by Mr. Carter, Boston : *Apple*, known as the Graft—large and handsome.

From S. R. Johnson, Charlestown : *Grapes*—White Chasselas—open culture.

From P. P. Spaulding, Chelmsford : *Pears*—St. Michael, unknown (French).

From James Vila, Lexington : *Grapes*—Black Hamburg.

From Hovey & Co., Boston : *Pears*—Long Green, Autumn.

By Alexander McLennan, from Mr. Pratt's, Watertown : *Grapes*—Black Hamburg, St. Peters, Royal Muscadine, Sweetwater.

*Pears*—Bartlett.

From William Hurd, Newton : *Pears*—Bartlett.

*Apples*—Fall Harvey, Cathead.

From Stephen Faunce, jr., Roxbury : *Grapes*—White Chasselas and Black Hamburg—both open culture.

*Peaches*—Seedling—fine.

From John A. Kenrick, Newton : *Peaches*—Spring Grove, Van Zandt Superb.

*Apples*—Baldwin, Hightop Sweeting, Hubbardston Nonesuch.

From Samuel Phipps, Dorchester : *Pears*—Bartlett, of great size and beauty.

From Frederic Tudor, Nahant : *Peaches*—Winship's.

*Pears*—Bezi Vaet, Wilkinson, Beurré Rance, Napoleon, Brown Beurré, Bleeker's Meadow.

From John Hill, West Cambridge : *Peaches*—Lemon Rareripes, of delicious flavor.

From Amos Hill, West Cambridge : *Apples*—Porter.

From Edward Newberry, Brookline : *Peaches*—a large basket of Jacque's Yellow.

From N. D. Chase, Lynn : *Peaches*—Crawford's Early.

#### VEGETABLES.

From M. P. Wilder, Dorchester—White Altringham Carrots.

From S. Downer, Dorchester—Missouri Marrow Squash.

From William McIntosh, Roxbury—Chenango Potatoes.

- From S. Sweetser, Woburn—Tomatoes.  
 From Elijah Vose, Dorchester—Lima Beans.  
 From Francis R. Bigelow, Medford—Cherry Tomatoes.  
 From J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton—White Altringham, Carrots, Sugar Beet, Yellow, Crimson and Scarlet Tomatoes.  
 From Mr. Everett, Wrentham—Peach Tomatoes.  
 From Otis Johnson, Lynn—Parsnips and Carrots.  
 From Marshal Wyman, Woburn—Tomatoes.  
 From Josiah Lovett, 2d, Beverly—Beets, Carrots, &c., a great variety.  
 From A. D. Williams, Roxbury—Squashes, Beets, Carrots, Purple Egg Plants.  
 From John Hovey, Roxbury—Tomatoes.

Per order,

S. WALKER, *Chairman.*

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## REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES AWARDING PREMIUMS FOR 1841.

### FLOWER COMMITTEE.

The Committee, having duly attended to the duty of making an award of Premiums for 1841, report as follows:—

<i>Paonies</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium to W. E. Carter, of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display of do., a premium to W. Kendrick, of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Roses</i> —For the best fifty blooms, a premium to John A. Kendrick, of . . . . .	8 00
For the second best do., a premium to Messrs. Winship, of . . . . .	5 00
For the third best do., a premium to S. R. Johnson, of . . . . .	3 00
For the best display of Chinese and other tender Roses, to S. R. Johnson, of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pinks</i> —For the best display of Pinks, a premium to William Meller, of . . . . .	5 00
For the best seedling, to S. Walker, . . . . .	3 00
For the best six blooms, to S. Walker, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Carnations</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium to John Hovey, of . . . . .	5 00
For the best six blooms, to S. Walker, . . . . .	3 00

<i>Balsams</i> —For the best display during the season, to S. R. Johnson, . . . . .	3 00
<i>German Asters</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium to Hovey & Co., of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Perennial Plants</i> —For the best display during the season, to Messrs. Winship, of . . . . .	3 00

## GRATUITIES.

To W. J. Cadness, of the Public Garden, for a fine specimen of <i>Lesianthus Russellianus</i> , . . . . .	3 00
To Joseph Breck & Co., for fine specimens of seedling Pinks, Picotees, &c., . . . . .	3 00
To Samuel Walker, for a fine display of twelve blooms of the Tulip, . . . . .	3 00
To Hovey & Co., for fine specimens of seedling Pansies, . . . . .	3 00
To W. Meller, for a display of fine Geraniums, a premium of . . . . .	3 00

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 \$74 00

Amount in the hands of the Treasurer for Dahlias,	64 00
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 \$138 00

The Committee have not, it will be perceived, made any award of premiums for Dahlias, in their report. The Dahlia exhibition took place so late in the season, that it was impossible to show them in the perfection which they ordinarily attain. Just before the day arrived, a severe storm of wind and rain almost entirely destroyed the plants. But as the exhibition day had been set, the Dahlia growers exhibited their blooms agreeably to the rules of the Society. Judges were appointed, and the awards were duly made. The exhibitors held a meeting, and by their unanimous consent, the whole amount awarded was allowed to remain in the hands of the Treasurer of the Society, to be added to the premiums of the year 1842. Should this not meet the hearty concurrence of the Executive Committee, the several exhibitors will call for the premiums awarded them by the judges on the day of the exhibition.

The Committee would take this occasion, were it not for extending their report to too great length, to make mention of many plants and flowers exhibited by various individuals for which premiums were not specified. They would not however, omit to take honorable notice of the fine collections of *Roses* and *Dahlias*, exhibited by the President of the Society, which contributed much to the beauty of the several exhibitions at which they were shown: nor of the contributions of native plants, by B. E. Cotting, which have been objects of considerable interest.

The Committee trust that the Society will bestow an increased amount for premiums the present year, and they look forward to a series of more splendid exhibitions than has ever yet been made at the Society's room.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. HOVEY, *Chairman.*

#### FRUIT COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Fruits award the following Premiums for 1841 :—

<i>Apples</i> —For the best Summer Apples, to Cheever Newhall, of Dorchester, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Fall Apples, to Benj. V. French, of Braintree,	5 00
For the best Winter Apples, to Lemuel P. Grosvenor, from his orchard in Pomfret, Ct., . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pears</i> —For the best Summer Pears, to Robert Manning, Salem,	5 00
For the best Fall Pears, to Elijah Vose, Dorchester, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Winter Pears to Marshal P. Wilder, Dorchester,	5 00
<i>Cherries</i> —For the best Cherries to George Walsh, Charlestown,	5 00
For the next best Cherries to John A. Kenrick, Newton, . . . . .	4 00
<i>Peaches</i> —For the best Peaches, open culture, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best, open culture, to John Hill, West Cam- bridge, . . . . .	4 00
For the best Peaches grown under glass, to J. F. Allen, Salem,	5 00
<i>Plums</i> —For the best Plums, to Samuel Pond, Cambridgeport,	5 00
For the next best, to William Thomas, of Boston, (seedling)	4 00
<i>Apricots</i> —For the best Apricots, to M. P. Wilder, Dorchester,	5 00
<i>Nectarines</i> —For the best Nectarines, to D. Haggerston Water- town, . . . . .	5 00
<i>Gooseberries</i> —For the best Gooseberries, to J. Hovey, Roxbury,	5 00
<i>Strawberries</i> —For the best Strawberries, to Messrs. Hovey, & Co., Boston, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, . . . . .	4 00
<i>Currants</i> —For the best Currants, to A. D. Williams, Roxbury,	3 00
<i>Melons</i> —For the best Water Melons, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, . . . . .	3 00
For the best Musk Melons, to J. Lovett, Beverly,	3 00
<i>Raspberries</i> —For the best Raspberries, to Messrs Hovey & Co., Boston, . . . . .	5 00
<i>Grapes</i> —For the best Foreign Grapes, grown under glass, to David Haggerston, Watertown, . . . . .	10 00

For the best open culture of Foreign Grapes, to S. R. Johnson, Charlestown, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Native Grapes, open culture, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, . . . . .	5 00

## GRATUITIES.

Gratuities awarded, are as follows :—

To George Lee, of West Cambridge, for a fine specimen of Peaches grown in pots, . . . . .	3 00
To Otis Johnson, of Lynn, for fine specimens of Grapes, grown under glass, . . . . .	3 00
To J. Lovett, 2d, of Beverly, for a fine exhibition of Pears, . . . . .	3 00
To Alexander McLennan, of Watertown, for a fine display of Foreign Grapes, . . . . .	3 00
To S. Sweetser, for his exhibition of large Martin's Rareri- peaches, . . . . .	3 00
To George Brown, of Beverly, for a choice exhibition of Pears, . . . . .	3 00
To George Walsh, of Charlestown, for large, handsome Peaches, . . . . .	3 00
To S. Phipps, of Dorchester, for extraordinary large Bartlett Pears, . . . . .	3 00
To ——— Ferguson, of New Bedford, for choice Native Grapes, . . . . .	3 00
To Samuel Pond, of Cambridgeport, for his exhibition of Cush- ing Pears, . . . . .	3 00
	\$150 00

Making in all, one hundred and fifty dollars, being the whole amount offered for premiums for 1841. The Committee were of opinion, that the Wells premium should be continued for another year, as no applicant was deemed entitled to it agreeably to the conditions of the notice given June 19, 1841.

BENJAMIN V. FRENCH, *Chairman.*

## VEGETABLE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Vegetables, having attended to the duty of awarding premiums for the year 1841, report as follows :—

<i>Asparagus</i> —For the best Asparagus, a premium to Samuel Walker, of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Lima Beans</i> —For the best Lima Beans, a premium to E. Vose, of	3 00
<i>Celery</i> —For the best Celery, a premium to S. C. Mann, of . . . . .	4 00
<i>Early Cucumbers</i> —For the best Cucumbers, a premium to Hovey & Co., of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Rhubarb</i> —For the best Rhubarb, a premium to S. Walker, of	5 00
<i>Squashes</i> —For the best Squashes, a premium to A. D. Williams, of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Brussels Sprouts</i> —For the best Brussels Sprouts, a premium to John Prince, of . . . . .	3 00
	\$28 00*

For a number of articles on which premiums were offered, there were no competitors; and the committee would respectfully recommend the following gratuities, for several fine specimens of vegetables which were not included in the list of premiums offered by the Society, but for which the committee are of opinion that the exhibitors deserve something more than a notice in the Society's weekly reports.

To the President of the Society, M. P. Wilder, for very large White Carrots, . . . . .	3 00
To J. Lovett, 2d, for very fine specimens of Beets and Carrots,	3 00
To Alexander McLennan, for an extra large squash, weighing about 100 pounds, . . . . .	3 00
To F. R. Bigelow, for several new varieties of the Tomato,	3 00
To J. L. L. F. Warren, for fine large asparagus, . . . . .	2 00
To John Hovey, for extra large Tomatoes, . . . . .	2 00
To Marshal Tidd, for very early and fine shelled Beans, . . . . .	2 00
To W. McIntosh, for a bushel of very large and handsome Chenango Potatoes, exhibited at the annual exhibition,	2 00
To Otis Johnson, for a great variety of fine vegetables exhibited at the annual exhibition, . . . . .	2 00
	\$22 00

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL POND, *Chairman*

## LIST OF PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR 1842.

## FLOWER COMMITTEE.

<i>Tulips</i> —For the best display of fine blooms, a premium of . . .	5 00
For the second best display of fine blooms, a premium of . . .	3 00
<i>Geraniums</i> —For the best twelve plants in bloom—variety of the kind, and shape and vigor of the plants to be considered— a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best twelve plants, with the same considerations, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Pæonies</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium of . . .	5 00
For the second best display, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Pansies</i> —For the best display of fine varieties, a premium of . . .	3 00
For the best six varieties, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
For the best seedling, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
<i>Roses</i> —in classes :—	

CLASS I.—*Hardy kinds.*

For the best fifty dissimilar blooms, a premium of . . . . .	10 00
For the second best fifty dissimilar blooms, . . . . .	8 00
For the third best fifty dissimilar blooms, . . . . .	5 00

CLASS II.—*Bourbon, Chinese, Tea and Noisettes.*

For the best display of flowers, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display of flowers, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Pinks</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best six varieties, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best seedling, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
<i>Carnations</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best seedling, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
<i>Balsams</i> —For the best display of flowers, . . . . .	3 00
For the second best display of flowers, . . . . .	2 00
<i>German Asters</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the second best display, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
<i>Dahlias</i> —In the following divisions and classes :—	

## DIVISION A

*Open to all Cultivators.*

PREMIER PRIZE—For the best twelve dissimilar blooms, . . . . .	18 00
<i>Specimen Bloom</i> —For the best bloom, . . . . .	7 00
For the second best bloom, . . . . .	4 00

## DIVISION B.

*Open to all Cultivators of more than Two Hundred Plants.*

## CLASS I.

For the best twenty-four dissimilar blooms, . . . .	12 00
For the second best twenty-four dissimilar blooms, . . . .	7 00

## CLASS II.

For the best twelve dissimilar blooms, . . . .	10 00
For the second best twelve dissimilar blooms, . . . .	5 00

## CLASS III.

For the best six dissimilar blooms, . . . .	8 00
For the second best six dissimilar blooms, . . . .	4 00

## DIVISION C.

*Open to all Cultivators of less than Two Hundred Plants.*

## CLASS I.

For the best twenty-four dissimilar blooms, . . . .	12 00
For the second best twenty-four dissimilar blooms, . . . .	7 00

## CLASS II.

For the best twelve dissimilar blooms, . . . .	10 00
For the second best twelve dissimilar blooms, . . . .	5 00

## CLASS III.

For the best six dissimilar blooms, . . . .	8 00
For the second best six dissimilar blooms. . . .	4 00

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 \$213 00

The amount voted by the Society for the year 1842, is one hundred and fifty dollars: to this has been added \$64 00, being the amount set aside for the award of the Dahlias for 1841, as stated in the report of the committee, awarding premiums for that year. The sum of \$64 00 has been wholly added to the premiums offered for dahlias, in accordance with the wishes of the cultivators of that flower, who were the competitors for the premiums, for 1841, and who relinquished their claims to the prizes awarded, on this condition.

The Committee believe that the arrangement which has been made in regard to the Dahlias, will meet the views of every cultivator of flowers. It is well known that the Society's autumnal shows would be meagre, and quite unattractive, to what they are at present, were it not for the exhibition of the Dahlia: there is no individual flower which contributes so much to the beauty and splendor of the room: appreciated alike by all, its brilliant colors and perfect form command the admiration of those who would scarce bestow a glance upon some more humble, but equally as deserving a flower.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. HOVEY, *Chairman.*

The following rules and regulations will be observed in regard to the dahlia show:—

1. All growers who intend to exhibit, shall signify their intention to the Chairman of the Committee on Flowers, and in which class or classes, at least one week before the day set for the exhibition.

2. Any persons may enter for the prizes of any of the classes, in either of the divisions to which they are eligible, but they cannot take more than one prize in division B. or C.

3. Each competitor will be required to declare that every flower exhibited by him is of his own growth, or has been grown under his care.

4. The judges for awarding the prizes in division B., shall be selected from such cultivators or connoisseurs as are not competitors in that division; and the same rule shall be observed in selecting judges for division C.

5. The judges shall be appointed by a majority of the exhibitors, whose decision shall be final, and to be chosen at the Society's room, on the first Saturday in September, at twelve o'clock, noon. Notice of this meeting to be given by the Chairman of the Flower Committee to such persons as have signified their intentions of competing for the premiums.

6. Each competitor shall give to the Chairman of the Flower Committee a list of the names of the flowers he exhibits, sealed up, and signed with his name.

7. The blooms shall be shown in bottles, provided by the Society, without foliage, or any other embellishment.

8. No seedling, not sold out, will be allowed to be placed in either of the divisions or classes, except the seedling class; nor must any stand contain two blooms of the same variety.

9. The judges shall sign their award with a declaration upon their honor, that, to the best of their knowledge, they have decided upon the respective merits of the flowers exhibited.

## FRUIT COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Fruits recommend the following premiums to be awarded for the ensuing year :—

<i>Apples</i> —For the best Summer Apples, to be exhibited previous to the 1st September, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Fall Apples, to be exhibited previous to the 1st December, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Winter Apples, to be exhibited after Dec. 1st, . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pears</i> —For the best Summer Pears, to be exhibited previous to Sept. 1st, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Fall Pears, to be exhibited previous to Dec. 1st, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Winter Pears, to be exhibited after Dec. 1st, . . . . .	5 00
<i>Cherries</i> —For the best specimen of Cherries, . . . . .	4 00
For the next best do., . . . . .	2 00
<i>Peaches</i> —For the best exhibition of Peaches, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best do. do., . . . . .	3 00
For the best Peaches grown under glass, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best do. do., . . . . .	3 00
<i>Grapes</i> —For the best Foreign Grapes grown under glass, exhibited before July 1, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best do. do. do., . . . . .	3 00
For the best grown under glass and exhibited after July 1, . . . . .	5 00
For the best grown in open culture (Foreign), . . . . .	5 00
For the best Native Grapes, open culture, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Apricots</i> —For the best specimen of Apricots, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best Apricots, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Nectarines</i> —For the best specimen of Nectarines, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Quinces</i> —For the best specimen of Quinces, . . . . .	2 00
<i>Plums</i> —For the best specimen of Plums, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best do., . . . . .	3 00
<i>Gooseberries</i> —For the best exhibition of Gooseberries, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Strawberries</i> —For the best exhibition of Strawberries, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Currants</i> —For the best specimen of Currants, . . . . .	3 00
For the next best, . . . . .	2 00
<i>Raspberries</i> —For the best specimen of Raspberries, . . . . .	4 00
For the next best, . . . . .	2 00
<i>Mulberries</i> —For the best exhibition of Mulberries, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Water Melons</i> —For the best exhibition of Water Melons, . . . . .	3 00
For the best green-fleshed Melons, . . . . .	3 00
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	\$125 00
To be awarded in gratuities, twenty-five dollars, . . . . .	25 00
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	\$150 00

## WELLS PREMIUM.

The Committee also offer the Wells premiums for Apples, the produce of seedling trees, which have been brought into notice since 1829 :—

For the best Summer Apples, not less than one dozen, a prem. of	\$25 00
For the best Fall or Autumn Apples, a premium of	25 00
For the best Winter Apples, a premium of	25 00

Premiums to be awarded to the members of the Society only ; and where the claims are not of sufficient merit, no premium will be awarded. This will be strictly adhered to, particularly in regard to the Wells premiums, where no premium will be awarded but in full evidence of its superiority.

BENJAMIN V. FRENCH, *Chairman.*

## VEGETABLE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Vegetables recommend the following Premiums to be offered the ensuing year :—

<i>Asparagus</i> —For Asparagus, the earliest and largest four bunches, a premium of	3 00
<i>Rhubarb</i> —The largest and best, previous to the first Saturday in July, twelve stalks,	3 00
<i>Peas</i> —The earliest and best peck in June,	4 00
<i>Lettuce</i> —The finest six heads, of open culture, previous to the first Saturday in July,	2 00
<i>Potatoes</i> —The best peck previous to first Saturday in August,	3 00
<i>Cucumbers</i> —The best pair grown under glass, previous to the first Saturday in June,	4 00
The best and earliest, of open culture,	2 00
<i>Beans</i> —The earliest Large Lima, two quarts,	3 00
The earliest Dwarf, two quarts,	2 00
<i>Cauliflowers</i> —The best and largest four heads,	3 00
<i>Brocoli</i> —The best and largest four heads,	3 00
<i>Celery</i> —The largest and best twelve roots,	3 00
<i>Egg Plants</i> —The finest six,	3 00
<i>Tomatoes</i> —The best, not less than one dozen,	2 00
<i>Squashes</i> —The best display of the largest number of varieties at the annual exhibition,	5 00
For the best display of various vegetables at the annual exhibition, (not including squashes,)	5 00
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	\$50 00
For gratuities,	10 00
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	\$60 00

SAMUEL POND, *Chairman.*

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CONSTITUTION

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OF THE

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WITH THE

ACT OF INCORPORATION,

&c., &c.



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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-nine.

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AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same.* That ZEBEDEE COOK, JR., ROBERT L. EMMONS, WILLIAM WORTHINGTON, B. V. FRENCH, JOHN B. RUSSELL, J. R. NEWELL, CHEEVER NEWHALL, and THOMAS G. FESSENDEN, their associates and Successors, be and they hereby are incorporated under the name and by the description of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for the purpose of encouraging and improving the science and practice of Horticulture, and promoting the amelioration of the various species of trees, fruits, plants, and vegetables, and the introduction of new species and varieties; with power to make by-laws not inconsistent with the Laws of the Commonwealth, for the regulation of said Society, and the management of the same and of its concerns; to receive donations, bequests and devises for promoting the objects of said Society; to lay and collect

assessments on the Members, not exceeding two dollars per annum; to enforce the payment of such assessments by action for the same; to purchase and hold real estate to the amount of ten thousand dollars, and personal estate to the amount of twenty thousand dollars; to elect a Treasurer, Secretary, and other officers—the appointment of which shall be provided for in the by-laws of said Society; the meeting for the election of such officers to be called at the times and in the manner provided in such by-laws; to empower the President, Directors, Comptrollers, Treasurer, Committees, or other Officers or Members, or any Attorneys, Agents, or Representatives of said Society, to transact the business, manage and apply the funds, discharge the functions, and promote the objects thereof; to authorise any of the Members or Officers of said Society to fill vacancies in the various offices of the same that may happen in the intervals between the meetings of the Members for choosing officers; and to commence and defend suits.

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted,* That in case the said Corporation shall at any time contract debts beyond their means and ability to pay at the time of contracting the same, the Officers or other Agents of said Corporation so contracting such debts shall be personally liable for the same.

SECTION 3. *Be it further enacted,* That any Member of said Corporation may cease to be a Member thereof, by giving notice to that effect to the President, Treasurer, Secretary, or other Officers, and paying the amount due from him to the Society.

SECTION 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of the Members of said Corporation may be called by any two or more of the persons named in the first section, by giving one week's notice or more, by advertisement in any newspaper printed in Boston.

SECTION 5. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act may be altered or repealed at the discretion of the Legislature.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 12, 1829.

Passed to be enacted.

WM. B. CALHOUN, *Speaker*.

IN SENATE, JUNE 12, 1829.

Passed to be enacted.

SAMUEL LATHROP, *President*.

June 12th, 1829.

Approved.

LEVI LINCOLN.

A true Copy of the Original Act.

Attest, EDWARD D. BANGS, *Sec'y of the Comm' th*.

## MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

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### ACT INCORPORATING THE PROPRIETORS OF MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

SECTION 10. *Be it further enacted, as follows:* First, that the present proprietors of lots in the said Cemetery, who shall become members of the corporation created by this act, shall thenceforth cease to be members of the said Horticultural Society, so far as their membership therein depends on their being proprietors of lots in the said Cemetery. Secondly, that the sales of the Cemetery lots shall continue to be made as fast as it is practicable by the corporation created by this act, at a price not less than the sum of sixty dollars for every lot containing three hundred square feet, and so in proportion for any greater or less quantity, unless the said Horticultural Society, and the corporation created by this act, shall mutually agree to sell the same at a less price. Thirdly, that the proceeds of the first sales of such lots, after deducting the annual expenses of the Cemetery establishment, shall be applied to the extinguishment of the present debts due by the said Horticultural Society on account of the said Garden and Cemetery, and after the extinguishment of the said debts, the balance of the said proceeds, and the proceeds of all future sales, shall annually, on the first Monday in every year, be divided between the said Horticultural Society and the corporation created by this act,

in manner following, namely : fourteen hundred dollars shall be first deducted from the gross proceeds of the sales of lots, during the preceding year, for the purpose of defraying the superintendent's salary and other incidental expenses of the Cemetery establishment, and the residue of the said gross proceeds shall be divided between the said Horticultural Society, and the corporation created by this act, as follows, namely : one fourth part thereof, shall be received by and paid over to the said Horticultural Society, on the first Monday of January of every year, and the remaining three fourth parts shall be retained and held by the corporation created by this act, to their own use forever. And if the sales of any year shall be less than fourteen hundred dollars, then the deficiency shall be a charge on the sales of the succeeding year or years. Fourthly, the money so received by the said Horticultural Society, shall be forever devoted and applied by the said Society, to the purposes of an experimental Garden, and to promote the art and science of horticulture, and for no other purpose. And the money so retained by the corporation created by this act, shall be forever devoted and applied to the preservation, improvement, embellishment and enlargement of the said Cemetery, and Garden, and the incidental expenses thereof, and for no other purpose whatsoever. Fifthly, a committee of the said Horticultural Society, duly appointed for this purpose, shall, on the first Monday of January, of every year, have a right to inspect and examine the books and accounts of the treasurer, or other officer acting as treasurer of the corporation created by this act, as far as may be necessary to ascertain the sales of lots of the preceding year.



CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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SECTION I.

*The Officers of the Society.*

THE officers of this Society shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Recording Secretary, who, together with such officers as are provided for by the By-Laws, shall be elected annually, by the ballots of a majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Society, and shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are installed in their stead, and in case of any vacancy the same to be filled at any stated meeting.

SECTION II.

*Period of Election.*

The officers of this Society shall be elected on the first Saturday of October, and enter upon their respective duties on the first Saturday of April, ensuing.

## SECTION III.

*The President.*

The duty of the President shall be to preside at all the meetings of the Society ; to keep order ; to state the business lying before the Society ; to state and put questions which shall have been moved and seconded, and, in case of an equal division on any question, to give the casting vote ; to call for accounts and reports from all committees ; to call all extra meetings of the Society, when requested so to do by any five of its members, and generally to execute or superintend the execution of such By-Laws and regulations, as the Society shall from time to time enact or adopt, not otherwise provided for.

## SECTION IV.

*The Vice Presidents.*

In case of the absence of the President from any of the meetings of the Society, it shall be the duty of the senior Vice President (in the order in which they shall have been elected,) then present, to take the chair, who shall for the time, have and exercise all the authority, privileges and power of the President ; and in case neither the President, or either of the Vice Presidents shall be present at any meeting of the Society, the Society shall then choose *viva voce*, a President *pro tempore*, who shall, for the time, be invested with all the power and authority of the President.

## SECTION V.

*The Treasurer.*

The Treasurer shall receive for the use of the Society all sums of money due or payable thereto, and shall keep and disburse the same, as shall be prescribed from time to time, by the regulations and By-Laws of the Society.

## SECTION VI.

*The Corresponding Secretary.*

The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare all letters to be written in the name of the Society, and conduct its correspondence. He shall receive and read all letters and papers addressed to the Society, and shall dispose of them in such manner as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws, or directed by the Society. In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary shall perform his duties under the direction of the President.

## SECTION VII.

*The Recording Secretary.*

The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Society, and shall regularly record the same in a book to be provided and kept for that purpose, and prepare and give notice of all meetings of the Society. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary shall perform his duties. And in the absence of both secretaries the President shall appoint either a Corresponding, or Recording Secretary, or both, *pro tempore*.

## SECTION VIII.

*The Election of Members.*

All elections of members of this Society shall be by ballot. Candidates for admission may be proposed and balloted for at any meeting of the Society regularly notified.

## SECTION IX.

*Annual Assessment.*

Whensoever any member shall, after notice, neglect for the space of three years to pay his annual assessment, his connexion with the Society shall cease; and any member may at any time withdraw from the Society, on notice given to the Treasurer or Recording Secretary of the Society, and paying the amount of his arrears.

## SECTION X.

*The Stated Meetings.*

The stated meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Saturday of January, of April, of July, and of October, at such time and place as shall be directed by the Society. And such number of members as shall from time to time be prescribed by the By-Laws, shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

## SECTION XI.

*Funds of the Society.*

There shall be chosen annually a Committee of Fi-

nance, whose duty it shall be to invest the funds of the Society ; and no transfer of any stock standing in the name of the Society shall be made, except by the Treasurer, having the written order of the Committee of Finance for the purpose.

## SECTION XII.

### *Amendments to the Constitution, how made.*

This Constitution may be amended in manner following. Any amendment, or amendments, thereto, may be proposed at any stated meeting of the Society. They shall be entered on the minutes, and the President shall read, or direct them to be read by the Secretary, and stated for discussion at the next stated meeting of the Society, and if a majority of the members present, shall vote in favor of adopting them, they shall be recorded as part of the Constitution.

All the provisions of the former Constitution, are hereby wholly annulled.

### *Amendment.*

Amendment to the Constitution, adopted October 2nd, 1841, to be added to the 12th Article.—“ Except that the officers elected on the first Saturday of October, 1840, shall continue in office until the first Saturday of April, 1842.”

## BY - LAWS.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### *Notice of Elections.*

AT least ten days notice shall be given by the Recording Secretary, of every annual election, by publishing the same in not more than three newspapers printed in this city. The notice shall specify particularly the time and place, when and where the said election is to be held, and the different officers to be voted for. And unless thirteen members at least shall attend on the first Saturday in October, and give in their votes, the President or presiding officer shall adjourn the said election to some convenient day, prior to the next stated meeting of the Society, of which adjourned election the like notice shall be given, as of the regular annual election, and the election shall then proceed, whatever may be the number of members present.

### ARTICLE II.

#### *The choice of Standing Committees.*

There shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting the following standing committees, viz: — an Executive Committee, of five members; a Committee on Trees and

Fruits, of eleven members; a Committee on Products of Kitchen Gardens, of seven members; a Committee on Flowers and Shrubs, of seven members; a Committee on the Library, of five members; a Committee on Finance, of three members; a Committee on Synonyms, of four members, and such other Committees as may from time to time be deemed expedient.

### ARTICLE III.

#### *Duties of Treasurer.*

The Treasurer shall keep regular accounts of all sums of money received and disbursed by him on account of the Society. All payments shall be made by order of the Society, or of the Committee of Finance. The annual account of the Treasurer shall be audited by said Committee of Finance, and presented to the Society at its stated meeting in April; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to furnish the said Committee with a statement of the affairs of the Society, in the month of October; and he shall be allowed, as compensation for his services as Treasurer, the sum of fifty dollars annually.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### *The Object and Distribution of Premiums.*

Premiums or gratuities may be awarded to such persons as shall have essentially advanced the objects of the Society, or for the exhibition to the Society of any fruits, vegetables or plants of their growth or cultivation, and either new in their kind, or of uncommon excellence as to quality, or for any new and successful method of cultivating any kind of esculent vegetables, fruits, orna-

mental flowers, shrubs or trees, or any other subjects connected with horticulture.—Provided, that seeds, cuttings, scions or plants, as the case may be—or the fruits, vegetables or plants—shall have been given to the Society for distribution and have been exhibited at some of the meetings of the Society; and provided also, the Executive Committee do report that it is expedient to award such premium or gratuity.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### *Each Member to have Copy of Constitution, Etc.*

Every member, at the time of his admission, shall be presented by the Recording Secretary with a printed copy of the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### *Fee of Admission.*

Each member, before he receives his certificate or takes his seat, shall pay the sum of five dollars; and afterwards an annual contribution of two dollars, payable on the first of January of each year; but any member of the Society may at any time compound for his future contributions by the payment of fifteen dollars.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### *The Consequences of not paying Contributions.*

No member of the Society shall be entitled to receive any publication of the Society, or to vote at any election or meeting of the Society, or be eligible to any office

therein, who has for two years omitted to pay his annual contribution. And if his contribution shall at any time be in arrears for three years, after notice, and he shall neglect to pay the same, his connection with the Society shall cease.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### *The admission of every Member to be recorded.*

The election and admission of every member, with the time thereof, shall be recorded, and the Recording Secretary shall issue notice to each person elected of his election, and shall also notify the Treasurer of the fact.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### *Quorum.*

Six members, exclusive of the President or presiding officer, shall be a quorum for transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### *Honorary and Corresponding Members.*

The Society may elect honorary and corresponding members, whenever they may deem it expedient, to each of whom the Corresponding Secretary shall transmit a diploma, or certificate of his election, under the seal of the Society, signed by the President and countersigned by the Recording Secretary.

## ARTICLE XI.

*Practical Gardeners may be admitted as Members.*

Any person exercising the trade or profession of a gardener, who shall have received any reward from the Society, or who shall have communicated a paper, which shall have been read at a general meeting of the Society, and which shall be deemed worthy of publication, or who may be recommended by the Executive Committee, may be admitted a member of the Society, and shall be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of a member upon the payment of two dollars for his admission fee, and one dollar in each year for his contribution, instead of the fee and annual contribution, as before provided for.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Lecturers.*

Lecturers on Botany and Vegetable Physiology, on Entomology, so far as it relates to Horticulture, and on Horticultural Chemistry, shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society.

## ARTICLE XIII.

*Of Voting.*

Voting by proxy shall not be admitted at the meetings of the Society.

## ARTICLE XIV.

*Duties of Standing Committees.*

The Committee on Fruit Trees and Fruits shall have charge of whatever relates to the multiplication of fruit trees and vines, by seed, scions, buds, layers, suckers, or other modes; the introduction of new varieties; the various methods of pruning and training them, and whatever relates to their culture, and that of all other fruits; the recommendation of objects for premiums to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on the Culture and Products of the Kitchen Garden, shall have charge of whatever relates to the location and management of kitchen gardens; the cultivation of all plants appertaining thereto; the introduction of new varieties of esculent, medicinal, and all such vegetables as are useful in the arts, or subservient to the other branches of national industry; the structure and management of hot-beds, and the recommendation to the Executive Committee of objects for premiums.

The Committee on Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Flowers, and Green-Houses, shall have charge of whatever relates to the culture, multiplication, and preservation of ornamental trees and shrubs, and flowers of all kinds; the construction and management of green-houses, and the recommendation to the Executive Committee of objects for premiums. And the respective Committees on Fruits, Flowers, and the Products of the Kitchen Garden, shall report to the Executive Committee, at the stated meeting in January, a list of the premiums which they severally recommend to be awarded for the past year.

The Committee on the Library shall have charge of all books, drawings, and engravings, and to recommend from time to time such as it may be deemed expedient to pro-

cure ; to superintend the publication of such communications and papers as may be directed by the Society ; to recommend, as before provided, premiums for drawings of fruits and flowers, and plans of country houses, and other edifices and structures connected with horticulture ; and for communications on any subject in relation thereto ; may annually appoint a Librarian ; and shall also adopt and enforce the following regulations for the Library and Cabinet, viz :—

## ARTICLE I.

All books, manuscripts, drawings, engravings, paintings, models, and other articles belonging to the Society, shall be confided to the special care of the Committee on the Library, which shall make a report at the annual meeting on the first Saturday of October, of their condition, and what measures may be necessary for their preservation and augmentation.

## ARTICLE II.

There shall be procured proper cases and cabinets for the books and all other articles, in which they shall be arranged, in such a manner as the Committee on the Library may direct.

## ARTICLE III.

All additions to the collection of books and other articles shall be placed upon the table, in the Hall of the Society, for exhibition for one week, and as much longer as the Library Committee may deem expedient, previous to their being arranged in their appropriate situations.

## ARTICLE IV.

The following books of record shall be kept in the Hall of the Society.

- Number 1. To contain a Catalogue of the Books.
- “ 2. To contain a Catalogue of the Manuscripts.
- “ 3. To contain an account of the drawings, engravings, paintings, models, and all other articles.
- “ 4. The register of books loaned.

## ARTICLE V.

When any book, or any other article, shall be presented to the Society,

the name of the donor shall be inserted in the appropriate record book, and the time it was received.

## ARTICLE VI.

Every book and article shall have a number affixed to it, in the order in which they are arranged in the several books of record.

## ARTICLE VII.

When any new book is received, it shall be withheld from circulation at least one week ; and very rare and costly works shall not be taken from the Hall without the permission of the Library Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII.

Not more than two volumes shall be taken out by any member at one time, or retained longer than two weeks ; and every person shall be subject to a fine of ten cents a week for every volume retained beyond that time.

## ARTICLE IX.

Every book shall be returned in good order, regard being had to the necessary wear thereof, with proper usage ; and if any book shall be lost or injured, the person to whom it stands charged shall replace it by a new volume, or set if it belonged to a set, or pay the current price of the volume or set, and thereupon the remainder of the set, if the volume belong to a set, shall be delivered to the person so paying for the same.

## ARTICLE X.

All books shall be returned to the Hall for examination on or before the first Saturday of September, annually, and remain until after the third Saturday of said month ; and every person then having one or more books, and neglecting to return the same as herein required, shall pay a fine of one dollar ; and if, at the expiration of one month after the third Saturday of September, any book has not been returned which was taken out previous to the annual examination of the Library, the person to whom it stands charged shall be required to return the same ; and if, after such request, it is not placed in the Hall within two weeks, he shall be liable to pay therefor, in the manner prescribed in the ninth article.

## ARTICLE XI.

No member shall loan a book to any other person, under the penalty of a fine of one dollar.

## ARTICLE XII.

When a written request shall be left at the Hall for a particular book, then out, it shall be retained for the person requiring it, for two days after it shall have been returned.

The Committee on the Synonyms of Fruits shall facilitate an interchange of fruits with other Horticultural Societies, for the purpose of establishing their synonyms.

## ARTICLE XV.

*Members residing at a Distance.*

Members of the Society, residing more than twenty miles from the city of Boston, shall be exempt from the annual assessment, provided they have paid the fee of admission and one general assessment.

All the By-Laws of the Society heretofore adopted by the Society, are hereby annulled.

*Amendment.*

Amendment to the By-Laws, adopted January 15th, 1842.—“That when candidates for Honorary or Corresponding Members shall be hereafter proposed for admission, their names shall be handed in to the Executive Committee, and if said Committee shall approve of said nominations, it shall report the names of such persons to the Society for its action thereon.”

REPORT  
OF THE  
TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY  
FOR 1839, 1840 AND 1841.

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THE last Report of the Proceedings of the Society was published at the close of the year 1838, and included its transactions from the close of the ninth anniversary in September, 1837, to December 31, 1838. That report was prepared under the direction of Prof. Russell, and gave in detail the several weekly exhibitions of the society which were held during the period above named. Some interesting preliminary observations, upon the state of Horticulture, were also added by Mr. Russell, which rendered the report more acceptable to the members.

From 1838 to 1842, the society have not published any of its transactions, and they possess no record of its several interesting annual exhibitions other than what are to be found in the volumes of the *Magazine of Horticulture* and the *New-England Farmer*. The committee who have prepared the following report, were authorized by the society to draw up only an account of its transactions for 1841. But upon mature consideration, they have deemed it advisable that the society should itself possess some better record than the detached reports above alluded to. A volume containing the transactions of the society is valuable, not only as a book of reference in relation to the exhibitions of flowers and fruits, but as serving to show how rapidly it has progressed, and what good it has accomplished in the important science which it was established to promote. The committee have therefore gone back two years, and commenced their report where the last one was brought to a close, believing that such a connected account will be received by the society with more gratification than if two

years of its transactions, including a period when its condition was highly prosperous, were left entirely blank. Should the society continue to publish its proceedings annually, or at greater intervals, a second volume will soon be formed, which, if not as interesting as the excellent addresses that compose the first, will be nevertheless a desirable record to place in the hands of every member.

The committee have not deemed it proper to occupy room with a repetition of the weekly shows; the order of their report will be to give a condensed account of such doings of the society as are of considerable interest—the reports of the several annual exhibitions—and the reports of the committees awarding premiums.

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## REPORT FOR 1839.

MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, *March 23, 1839.*

At this meeting the following proposal, from a member of the society, was read, and referred to the Flower Committee, who subsequently reported that the liberal premiums offered by T. Lee, Esq. ought to be accepted, which report the society adopted. The proposal was as follows:—

“To encourage the cultivation of the flowering plants of New England, a member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society offers the following premiums, to be awarded by the ‘Committee on Flowers,’ on condition that the society offer an equal amount.

*For the year 1839.*

For the best exhibition during the season, at their Hall, of the native plants of New England, *wherever grown*,—

A first premium of five dollars.

A second “ of five dollars.

A third “ of five dollars.

*For the year 1840.*

For the best exhibition during the season, at the Hall, of the native plants of New England, *cultivated by the competitors*,—

A first premium of ten dollars.

A second “ of five dollars.

A third “ of five dollars.

*For the year 1841.*

A first premium of fifteen dollars.

A second “ of ten dollars.

A third “ of five dollars.

*For the year 1842.*

- A first premium of twenty dollars.  
 A second " of ten dollars.  
 A third " of five dollars.

*For the year 1843.*

- A first premium of twenty-five dollars.  
 A second " of fifteen dollars.  
 A third " of ten dollars.

As competition with the long-established Botanic Garden, at Cambridge, would be hopeless, it is excluded. A gratuity, such as his exhibition of plants may merit, might still be allowed by the society to its skilful gardener.

The collection, also, of the donor, which, perhaps, is among the next best, will be excluded.

Although to many cultivators the pecuniary reward will be no inducement, others may consider it an object, as refunding, in some measure, the cost, and who also will, if successful, be more than repaid by the propagation and sale of their plants.

It is expected the committee will distribute the premiums, in whole or in part, as they deem *just*—or withhold them altogether, should this attempt fail to bring into cultivation 'native plants,' the pride of our woods and meadows,—so justly valued abroad, and so long neglected at home.'

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## ELEVENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY.

SEPTEMBER 25TH, 26TH AND 27TH.....1839.

The *Eleventh Annual Exhibition of the Society* was holden on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 25th, 26th, and 27th of September, at the Society's room, in Tremont street. The arrangements were the same as the last year, and, as usual, were under the direction of the decorating committee, who executed their duty with good taste.

The number of plants contributed was not quite so large as in years past; but, notwithstanding, there was nearly as large a number as could be placed in the room to advantage. We hope, another season, that the Society will endeavor to procure a large hall better fitted for our annual exhibition, that we may again gratify the public with such another gorgeous display as that which was made a few years since in Faneuil Hall. The Society's room is altogether too limited for an annual exhibition; and, from want of a proper light, the plants and flowers are seen to great disadvantage.

The display of that magnificent flower, the dahlia, was much superior to what we had anticipated a few days previous; the weekly exhibitions of this flower have been meagre, and we were agreeably disappointed to find the stands so well filled on this occasion. The asters were also fine, and assisted to render the show of cut flowers more interesting; and a good number of handsome bouquets contributed to heighten and set off the display.

The fruits were excellent, and the variety large. The pears of Mr. Manning, as usual, consisted of a great number of kinds. The beautiful forced grapes of Messrs. Haggerston, Cowan, and other gardeners, and those of Messrs. Johnson, Balch, and other amateurs, attracted, and deservedly too, much attention. The vegetables were numerous and of good quality.

The weather on Monday, the first day, was delightful, and the number of visitors large; but the morning of Thursday broke with a lowering atmosphere and a raw easterly wind, which had a tendency to prevent so good an attendance as on the day previous. Friday, though not unpleasant, was rather a disagreeable day, but, notwithstanding, the rooms were well filled. In the afternoon the committee of arrangements dined together at the Shawmut House, and the occasion was one of gratification to all.

The following report has been drawn up with considerable care, and, we believe, will be found correct:—

FLOWERS:—From the Hon. John Lowell, a splendid specimen of *Crinum amabile*, a fine plant of *Araucaria excelsa*, *Musa purpurea* and *M. sapientum*, *Trevirana coccinea*, &c. From J. P. Cushing, Esq., the elegant *Chamærops humilis*, *Phœnix dactylifera*, and other plants. From Mrs. T. Bigelow, Medford, large plants of *Yucca gloriosa*, *A'gave americana* var. *variegata*, &c. From T. Mason, Melaleuca sp. *Erica arborea*, *gracilis*, *concinna* and others, *Callistemon saligna*, roses, stocks, &c. &c.; also, about sixty blooms of dahlias, among which were Paragon, Lovely Anne, Sir H. Fletcher, Angelina, Princess Victoria, Mrs. Rushton, Golden Sovereign, Fringed White, Ruby, Desdemona, Conqueror of Europe, &c. From S. S. Lewis, a large variegated euphorbia, in a pot. From P. Barnes, Boston, two fine coxcombs.

From W. E. Carter, fine plants of *Pandanus spiralis*, *Phylica pubescens*, *Callistemon saligna*, *Erica concinna*, *gracilis*, &c., *Leucadendron argenteum*, *Illícium floridanum*, *Magnolia grandiflora*, seedling camellias, myrtles, orange trees, *Yucca gloriosa*, *Oxalis Bowièii*, and other plants; also, fine dahlias, numbering fifty or sixty blooms, containing, with others, Rizenzi, Mrs. Rushton, Glory, King Otho, Lovely Anne, Stone's Yellow Perfection, Madonna, Golden Sovereign, Mary, Conqueror of Europe, Blandina, Ruby, &c., with two or three fine seedling phloxes. From J. L. L. F. Warren, variegated hollies, *Begonia argyrostigma*, fig trees, *Sálvia fulgens*, *Allòysia citriodora*, *Eugenia myrtifolia*, and other plants; also, several va-

rieties of dahlias, marigolds, and cut flowers. From W. Meller, *Hæmáanthus coccíneus*, *Pittósporum Tobîra*, *Eugènia myrtifolia*, *Acàcia armàta*, &c. ; also, twenty-five or thirty dahlia blooms, among which were Countess of Mansfield, Criterion, Ne Plus Ultra, Conqueror of Europe, Desdemona, Beauty of Cambridge, Beauty, &c.

From S. Sweetser, ten pots of dahlias, of new and fine kinds, all in bloom ; these were all great ornaments to the room, particularly the *Striàta formosíssima*, which had six flowers expanded ; the others were Marshal Soult, Ne Plus Ultra, Elliot's Coronation, Eva, Mrs. Ashley, Unique, Cambridge Hero, Piltdown Rival, Exemplar ; also, fine specimens of several species of Cacti, viz., *Cèreus còrtem* and *albiflorus Opúntia brasiliénsis*, and *micradàsia*, *Echinocàctus múltiplex*, and *Epiphyllum truncàtum*, with a dozen or more dahlia blooms. From Messrs. Winship, hydrangeas, myrtles, &c. ; *Vibúrnum oxycóccus* and the *Shephèrdia argénteá*, both in fruit. From J. S. Ellery, Esq., a pretty pyramid of dahlias, fine bouquets, and dahlia flowers. From J. J. Low, Belladonna lilies, a large Sago Palm, and a beautiful specimen of the Tea rose, in full bloom, grafted as a standard ; also, about fifty dahlias, of which the finest were, Horsham Rival, Bonaparte, Mary, Victory, Ruby, *Striàta formosíssima*, *Sulphùrea élegans*, Beauty of Bedford, Countess of Mansfield, Viscountess Beresford, Golden Sovereign, &c.

From Hovey & Co., flowering plants of *Oxalis Bowièii*, *Gardoquia Hookèrii*, and *Epiphyllum Ackermánii* ; a young plant in a pot of the *Mòrus multicaúlis*, three feet high, only two months from the cutting ; a beautiful stand of verbenas, containing nine species and varieties, as follows—*V. Tweedieàna*, and *T. supérba*, *V. incisa*, *teucróides*, *Binneyàna*, *Eyreàna*, *Arraniàna*, *chamædrifòlia mājor*, and *venòsa* ; also, about one hundred and thirty dahlias, some of which were, *Striàta formosíssima*, Reliance, Mrs. Rushton, Eva, Rosetta, Variabilis, Unique, Beauty of Kingscote, Grand Purple, Marquis of Lothian, Splendissima, Princess Victoria, Conqueror of Europe, Middlesex Rival, Maria Edgeworth, Cambridge Hero, Juliet, Victory, Fowler's Queen Victoria, Horatio, &c. From John Towne, several elegant species of heaths, viz., *Erica regérminans*, *Abietina*, *concinna*, and *grácilis* ; also, *Cròwea saligna*, *Manéttia cordifòlia*, and *Menzièsia cærúlea*. From N. S. Dyer, South Abington, *Begónia argyrostigma*. From A. H. Hovey, China asters and dahlias.

From M. P. Wilder, about one hundred and twenty dahlias, among which we noted down Rienzi, Rival Sussex, *Striàta formosíssima*, Countess of Mansfield, Marquis of Lothian, Virgin Queen, Unique, Marshal Soult, Egyptian King, Mrs. Rushton, Ne Plus Ultra, Victory. Exemplar, Ruby, Prima Donna, Maria Edgeworth, &c. &c. ; also, a fine cut specimen of *Liàtris scariòsa*. From S. Walker, upwards of seventy dahlias, some of which were Ovid, Mrs. Rushton, Premier, Glory, Rival Sussex, Berkshire

Champion, Beauty of Bedford, Mary, Neptune, Golden Sovereign, Napoleon, Marquis of Lothian, Princess Victoria, Rienzi, &c. ; also, some fine pansies. From Joseph Breck & Co., about sixty dahlias—among others, Victory, Ariel, Reliance, Zarah, Striata formosissima, Angelina, Maria Edgeworth, Unique, Rose d'Amour, &c. From Rufus Howe, a variety of good dahlias. From D. Macintyre, several handsome specimens of dahlias—among others were Red Rover, Golden Sovereign, Rienzi, Striata formosissima, Sir H. Fletcher, Rival Sussex, &c. From J. A. Kenrick, twenty blooms of dahlias and upwards, containing Victory, Mary, Golden Sovereign, &c. From W. McCullough, a variety of dahlias.

From Jos. Stickney, Boston, about sixty dahlias ; among the number we noticed Ne Plus Ultra, Countess of Torrington, Blandina, Glory of the West, Birmingham Victor, Victory, Sarah, Star of Buckland, Unique, Mrs. Rushton, Ruby, Conqueror of Europe, Red Rover, Queen of Scots, &c. ; also, some superb German asters. From S. R. Johnson, Double balsams, a variety of Tea and Chinese roses and dahlias.

Bouquets of flowers were furnished by Messrs. Winship, Hovey & Co., T. Mason, W. Meller, S. Walker, J. Hovey, W. E. Carter, J. S. Ellery, J. A. Kenrick, and W. Kenrick, who sent two baskets elegantly trimmed with flowers, and a large fir tree completely clothed with blossoms of dahlias, marigolds, &c.

FRUIT :—From R. Manning, upwards of seventy varieties of pears, as follows—Louise Bonne of Jersey, Bezi de la Motte, Bezi Vaet, Henry IV., Doyenne Louis, Beurré Bosc, Alpha, Duchess d'Angouleme, Fig of Naples, Catillac, Forelle, Burgomaster, Hugenot, Beurré Seatin, Styrian, Fourcroy, Buffum, Beurré Bronze, Bartrams, Capsheaf, Passe Colmar, Cumberland, Endicott, Beurré Von Mårum, Verte longue, Beurré d'Aremberg, Belle Lucrative, Winter Orange, Long Green, Frederick of Wurtemberg, Harvard, Naumkeag, Hacon's Incomparable, Bleeker's Meadow, Seckel, Wilkinson, Burgomaster (of Boston,) Chelmsford, Echasserie, Beurré Duval, Colmar Dewez, Winter Nelis, Napoleon, Belle et Bonne, Jalousie, Glout morceaux, Fulton, Rouse Lench, Prince's St. Germain, Fondant du Bois, Chaumontel, Josephine, Easter Beurré, Rousselet de Rheims, Beurré Diel, Surpasse Virgaleu, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Old orange, and Bergamotte d'Autómne ; also, Goliah and St. Catharine plums, and Gravenstein, Lyscom, Bellefleur, Fall Harvey, Marie Louise, Danvers Sweet, and Pennock's winter apples.

From J. M. Ives, a good variety of pears, viz.—Bleeker's meadow, Bezi de Montigny, Gilogil, Duchess of Angouleme, Brown Beurré, Michaux, Beurré d'Aremberg, Lewis, Josephine, Passe Colmar, St. Michael's, Buffum, Capiamont (true,) Glout morceaux, Easter Beurré, Striped St. Germain, Wilkinson and Raymond ; Cruger's seedling plum, and Canfield and Michael Henry pippin apples. From D. Hill, a basket of handsome lemon

rareripes. From O. Johnson, Lynn, some beautiful fruit; Burgomaster, Vert longue Panaché, Rousselet de Rheims, Washington, Julienne, Doyenne Gris, Long Green of autumn, Catillac, Admiral, Passe Colmar, Louise Bonne, Rousselet Panaché, and Sucré Vert pears; also, fine specimens of Zinfindal, black Hamburg, white Sweetwater, and Muscat of Alexandria grapes. From S. R. Johnson, black Hamburg and Chasselas grapes. From William Oliver, Urbaniste, Ambrette, Seckel, Wilkinson, Echasserie and Williams's Bon Chrétien pears; also, Chasselas grapes, of out-door growth.

From M. P. Wilder, several varieties of pears; Cushing, Passe Colmar, Seckel, Bleeker's Meadow, Colmar Epineux, Louise Bonne of Jersey, Duchess d'Angouleme, Long Green, Bergamot de Paques, Columbian Virgoulouse, Beurré Diel, Burgomaster, Heathcot, Belle de Brussels, Glout morceaux, Capiaumont, Beurré d'Aremberg, and Verte longue Panaché; Orange quinces, and blue Imperatrice plums. From T. Mason, black Hamburg, purple Constantia, Sweetwater and Isabella grapes and peaches. From E. Bartlett, Seckel, Andrews, Napoleon, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Fulton, and Culotte de Suisse pears. From J. Fisher, Seckel, Andrews, and Williams's Bon Chrétien pears. From H. Vandine, Cambridgeport, fine specimens of Coe's Golden Drop plums. From J. Newhall, Lynnfield, peaches and grapes. From William Worthington, seedling peaches.—From R. Ward, Roxbury, fine Williams's Bon Chrétien and Seckel pears; old Mixon and Franklin peaches. From Charles Johnson, Hawthorndean and Porter apples, and Seckel pears. From S. Sweetser, Seckel, Fulton, and Chelmsford pears. From C. & A. J. Downing, Newburgh, N. Y. elegant fruit of the brown Beurré, St. Michael and Seckel pears.

From S. Downer, a fine assortment of apples, viz., Ramshorn, R. I. Greening, Fall Harvey, Wales apple, Pumpkin sweeting, Ribstone pippin, Æsopus Spitzemberg, Hawthorndean, Nonsuch, Liscom, Gardiner's sweeting, Golden russeting, Old Colony pearmain, Roxbury russet, Washington pearmain, &c.; also, Beurré Diel, Andrews, King of Wurtemberg, Heathcot, Seckel, Cushing, Messire Jean, Urbaniste, Fulton, Catillac, Harvard and Black pear of Worcester. From the Hon. E. Vose, President, four fine varieties of melons, the Rock, Minorca, Cantelope and Persian; Urbaniste, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Heathcot, Napoleon, Seckel, Washington and Iron pears; Weller's Freestone and Catherine peaches, and white Sweetwater grapes; beautiful Hawthorndean and Gravenstein apples. From W. Meller, black Hamburg and Sweetwater grapes; Imperatrice plums and peaches. From H. Gray, Esq., black Hamburg and St. Peter's grapes. From F. Tudor, specimens of fruit raised in his garden at Nahant; Petit Madam, Julienne, Buffum, Wilkinson, and Bleeker's Meadow pears and peaches. From S. Pond, Andrews pears, (fine.)

From J. J. Low, Esq., Marie Louise, Lewis, Fulton, Forelle, Beurré de

Roi, Roi de Wurtemberg, Urbaniste, and Wilding pears; Mela carla and Minister apples, and blue Imperatrice plums. From J. S. Ellery, Brookline, black Hamburg, Miller's Burgundy, and Chasselas grapes. From J. Hooper, Jr., Golden Beurré of Bilboa pears. From W. Kenrick, specimens of the fruit of the Osage orange, from Philadelphia. From E. M. Richards, peaches and quinces, and Lady apples; also, Seckel, Fulton, and other kinds of pears. From A. D. Williams, black Hamburg grapes, Seckel pears, and Hubbardston Nonesuch, and Horn apples. From George Newhall, apples and peaches.

From J. P. Cushing, Esq., fine black Hamburg, Muscat of Lunel, St. Peter's, Morocco, and Muscat of Alexandria grapes; beautiful striped St. Germain, and Poiré de Brugman pears. From Joseph Balch, Duchess of Angouleme, and Louis d'Arranches pears; also, white Muscat, white Sweetwater, Miller's Burgundy, black Hamburg, and black Prince grapes. From Joshua Gardiner, apples and peaches. From J. L. L. F. Warren, Porter, Roxbury russet, Baldwin and Lady apples; peaches, figs, and Seckel, Napoleon, and Williams's Bon Chrétien pears.

From the Hon. T. H. Perkins, beautiful St. Peter's, Muscat of Alexandria, white Nice, Frankindale and black Hamburg grapes; also, some remarkably fine peaches and nectarines. From S. Walker, Elfrey plums. From P. May, a basket of very large and fine brown Beurré pears. From Jona. French, Jr., pears, the name unknown.

VEGETABLES:—From Jona. French, Jr., Rohan potatoes, fine Crookneck squashes (nine weighing one hundred and fifty pounds,) Valparaiso and Autumnal Marrow squashes; also, beets, carrots and brocoli. From Wm. L. Rushton, Esq. New York, fine Giant celery. From J. J. Low, Esq., Egg plants. From George Newhall, tomatoes. From Dr. Lowell, Egg plants.

From E. H. Derby, Esq., a very large squash, weighing one hundred and nine pounds, and handsomely formed. From C. R. Lowell, Egg plants. From Richard Ward, Lima beans. From J. L. L. F. Warren, common large red and yellow tomatoes, fine large Rohan potatoes, Seven-Years' pumpkins, Crookneck and Autumnal Marrow squashes, and Lima beans. From H. Gray, a large squash. From A. D. Williams, large brocolis, beets, cabbages, &c. From Samuel Blake, South Boston, large squash, weighing one hundred and fifteen pounds. From the Hon. John Lowell, Rohan potatoes, the largest weighing two pounds and a half. From J. M. Ives, Salem, Rohan potatoes of good size. Mr. Ives planted eleven pounds of seed, and raised four hundred pounds; the vines blasted, or he would have had a much heavier crop.

We should not omit to notice, particularly, the fine specimens of pears, among which were the striped St. Germain, presented by Mr. Haggerston, gardener to J. P. Cushing, Esq. They were grown in pots in the grapery,

and, for size and beauty, surpassed any thing we have ever seen. The brown Beurré pears, from Mr. Ives, were picked from a tree grafted on a quince stock, and they were handsome. Some brown beurrés, from the nurseries of Messrs. C. & A. J. Downing, Newburgh, N. Y., attracted much attention; they were very large and fine.

M. P. Wilder presented some specimens of wax fruit worthy of notice; they were received by him from Frankfort on the Main, and consisted of apples, pears and cherries. We have never seen any wax fruit which were such faithful representatives of the originals.

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### OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1839-40.

At the annual meeting of the society, Oct. 5th, the following officers were elected for 1839 and 1840:—

*President.*—Elijah Vose.

*Vice-Presidents.*—Jonathan Winship, Marshal P. Wilder, Benjamin V. French, William Oliver.

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*Committee on Flowers, Shrubs, &c.*—Samuel Walker, chairman; J. E. Teschemacher, C. M. Hovey, Joseph Breck, Samuel Sweetser, David Haggerston, Samuel R. Johnson, William E. Carter, John Towne.

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*Committee on Synonyms of Fruit.*—John Lowell, chairman; Robert Manning, William Kenrick, Samuel Downer.

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*Committee on Finance.*—Elijah Vose, chairman; Benjamin V. French, William Oliver.

## REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES AWARDING PREMIUMS FOR 1839.

### FLOWER COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee on Flowers, having attended to the duty of awarding the Premiums offered by the Society for the year 1839, report as follows:—

<i>Geraniums</i> —For the best twelve varieties of geraniums, to William Meller, a premium of . . . . .	\$10 00
For the second best twelve varieties of geraniums, to Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Tulips</i> —For the best twelve varieties of tulips, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	10 00
For the second best twelve varieties of tulips, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pansies</i> —For the best display, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
For the best seedling, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Roses</i> —For the best display, to A. Aspinwall, a premium of . . . . .	10 00
For the best twenty-four varieties, to S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best twelve varieties, to R. Howe, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best twelve Chinese and other tender varieties, to S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pinks</i> —For the best display, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best six varieties, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best seedling, to William Meller, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Carnations</i> —For the best display, to T. Mason, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best six varieties, to William Meller, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best seedling, to William Meller, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Dahlias</i> —For the best display, to M. P. Wilder, a premium of . . . . .	10 00
For the second best display, to J. J. Low, a premium of . . . . .	8 00
For the third best display, to J. Breck & Co., a premium of . . . . .	7 00
For the fourth best display, to Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	6 00
For the fifth best display, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the sixth best display, to T. Mason, a premium of . . . . .	4 00
No hyacinths were offered for premium. The seedling geranium was not thought worthy of a prize by the judges.	

The committee also awarded the following premiums offered by the liberality of T. Lee, Esq., for the encouragement of the growth of native plants:—

For the best display of native wild flowers, to William Oakes, Esq., of Ipswich, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display of native wild flowers, to E. Weston, Jr. Esq., a premium of . . . . .	5 00
No competitor was thought deserving of the third prize, and the committee reserved the remaining sum of five dollars, appropriated by Mr. Lee for 1839, to be added to next year's prizes. We would not omit to mention, at the present time, that the flowers must be <i>cultivated</i> , next year, to be eligible for the prizes.	
S. WALKER, <i>Chairman</i> .	

## FRUIT COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee on Fruits, and the Standing Committee on Vegetables, have awarded Premiums for the year 1839, as follows:—

FRUITS.—The Committee on Fruits, award the following Premiums:—

<i>Pears</i> —For the best summer pears, to Mr. Samuel Pond, a premium of . . . . .	\$5 00
For the best autumn pears, to Mr. Richard Ward, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best winter pears, to Mr. E. Vose, president of the society, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Apples</i> —For the best summer apples, to Mr. E. M. Richards, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best autumn apples, to Mr. J. L. L. F. Warren, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best winter apples, to Dr. Amos Holbrook, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Cherries</i> —For the best cherries, to Mr. E. Vose, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Peaches</i> —For the best peaches, (open culture,) to Mrs. Bigelow, a gratuity of . . . . .	5 00
For the best peaches, (under glass,) to Mr. J. F. Allen, a gratuity of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Plums</i> —For the best plums, to Mr. S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the next best, to Mr. Samuel Pond, a gratuity of . . . . .	5 00
For the next best, to Mr. R. Manning, a gratuity of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Apricots</i> —For the best apricots, to the Hon. John Welles, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Nectarines</i> —For the best nectarines, to Mr. Thomas Mason, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Quinces</i> —For the best quinces, to Col. M. P. Wilder, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Grapes</i> —For the best foreign grapes, grown under glass, to Mr. Otis Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	10 00

For the best foreign grapes, open culture, to Benjamin Guild, Esq., a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Gooseberries</i> —For the best desert gooseberries, to Mr. John Hovey, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Raspberries</i> —For the best raspberries, to Mr. Thomas Mason, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Strawberries</i> —For the best strawberries, to Messrs. Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Currants</i> —For the best currants, to Mr. A. D. Williams, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Melons</i> —For the best pair watermelons, to Mr. John Hill, a gratuity of . . . . .	3 00
For the best muskmelons, to Mr. E. Vose, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the Committee, E. M. RICHARDS, <i>Chairman</i> .	

VEGETABLES.—The vegetable committee on premiums, for 1839, report as follows:—

*Asparagus*—None exhibited.

*Beans*—Large Lima, two quarts shelled, to J. L. L. F. Warren, a premium of . . . . . 3 00

Earliest and best Dwarf, to J. L. L. F. Warren, a premium of . . . . . 2 00

*Brocoli*—Earliest and best, four heads, to A. D. Williams, a premium of . . . . . 3 00

*Beets*—Twelve roots, to A. D. Williams, a premium of . . . . . 2 00

*Cabbages*—Best six heads, to A. D. Williams, a premium of . . . . . 2 00

*Carrots*—Twelve roots, to A. D. Williams, a premium of . . . . . 2 00

*Cauliflowers*—No premium.

*Cucumbers*—Best pair, before first Saturday in July, to J. L. L. F. Warren, a premium of . . . . . 4 00

*Celery*—Two roots, no premium.

*Corn*—For boiling, no premium.

*Lettuce*—Finest six in the season, to John Hovey, a premium of . . . . . 2 00

*Peas*—Earliest and best, one peck, to R. Howe, a premium of . . . . . 4 00

*Potatoes*—None exhibited.

*Onions*—None exhibited.

*Rhubarb*—Best specimens, to S. Pond, a premium of . . . . . 3 00

*Squashes*—Summer none exhibited.

Winter, largest and best pair, to J. French, jr. a premium of . . . . . 3 00

*Tomatoes*—Finest specimens, to J. L. L. F. Warren, a prem. of . . . . . 3 00

The committee also award the following premiums as gratuities:—

To E. H. Derby, Esq., for a fine large squash, a gratuity of . . . . . 3 00

To S. Blake, for a fine large squash, a gratuity of . . . . . 3 00

To J. French, jr. for fine Marrow and Lima squashes, a premium of . . . . . 3 00

To J. Prince, Esq. for specimens of Brussels sprouts, a prem. of	2 00
To C. R. Lowell, Esq. for specimens of egg plants, a gratuity of	2 00
To G. W. Stearns, Esq., for fine specimens of forced cucumbers, a gratuity of . . . . .	4 00

The committee regret that so little interest has been manifested the past season, in this important part of the society's labors; but true it is, that during the whole season, there were but few exhibitions of vegetables, and those few were but from a small portion of the members of the Society, who have heretofore been ever ready to exhibit their zeal in promoting its interest.

The committee would notice, with approbation, the fine specimens of squashes, of the varieties *marrow*, *crook-neck*, *Lima*, and *Valparaiso*, exhibited by E. H. Derby, J. French, and S. Blake, Esqrs., at the annual exhibition; and they hope to see more of those valuable varieties the coming season.

The *Rohan potatoes*, exhibited by the Hon. John Lowell, were a very superior specimen, and the finest known to have been grown the present season.

The *Brussels sprouts*, by John Prince, Esq., were deserving of particular notice; they were very fine, and it is desirable that this valuable production of the vegetable garden, should be more extensively cultivated.

The *Giant celery*, exhibited by W. L. Rushton, Esq., of New York, deserves, also, marked notice; it was as fine as has ever been exhibited at the Society's rooms.

The *Egg plants*, by C. R. Lowell, Esq., of three varieties, were large, and finely shaped, and uncommonly beautiful specimens. It is desirable that exertions should be made to produce this luxury in more abundance.

J. L. L. F. WARREN, *Chairman*.

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## REPORT FOR 1840.

MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, *June 13, 1840.*

The following correspondence was read before the Society at this meeting:—

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Haggerston, offering fifty dollars, (provided the Massachusetts Horticultural Society would add the same amount) as a premium for the destruction of the rose slug, beg leave to report that they have attended to that duty. The committee recommend that the Society accept the proposal of Mr. Haggerston, and offer a premium of one hundred dollars, in addition to the

sum of twenty dollars already offered by the Society, for the effectual destruction of said slug: the premium to be paid whenever satisfactory evidence shall be given to the Society of a plan to destroy or to prevent the ravages of the slug, without injury to the bush or its foliage.

Per order,

S. WALKER, *Chairman.*

*Voted*; to accept the report.

The following are the communications alluded to:

ROXBURY, *June 3d*, 1840.

Sir—I have the honor to transmit the enclosed communication, addressed to me, from Mr. David Haggerston, of Watertown.

The slug, that has for several years past destroyed the foliage of the rose bush, is well known, to every practical florist, in this section of the country; its destruction, by various means, has been attempted, but as yet without success.

The additional premium now proposed, if it should receive the sanction of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, will give a fresh impetus to the exertions of those who have so far labored in vain to destroy, this eyesore, the rose-slug; and will probably call into the field an army of Flora's loving subjects, who will not, I trust, lay down their arms until they shall have annihilated the foul defacer of the mantle of the "queen of flowers."

I am, Sir, with great respect, your obedient servant,

S. WALKER, *Chairman Committee on Flowers.*

Hon. E. VOSE, *Pres. Mass. Hort. Soc.*

WATERTOWN, *May 26th*, 1840.

My Dear Sir: In conversation with a gentleman since I saw you, I mentioned to him the intention of the Horticultural Society of offering a premium for the destruction of the worm or insect that infests the rose bush and destroys the foliage: he was much pleased, and commended the Society for their efforts to accomplish so desirable an object; but when I mentioned the sum intended to be given, *ten dollars*, his idea was precisely mine, that it would result in no good. For the last five or six years he has seen experiments tried, and every thing done that could be thought of, for the destruction of the above insect, without the least success. His idea is, that the premium ought not to be less than *one hundred dollars*, and he wished me to say to the Society that I could procure fifty dollars for the purpose, provided the Society would make it up to one hundred. As it is not at all likely that I shall be at the next meeting, I take the liberty of troubling you, knowing well how much you are interested. If you will have the goodness to make the proposal to the Society, you will much oblige

Yours, very truly,  
DAVID HAGGERSTON

S. WALKER, Esq.

## TWELFTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY.

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH.....1840.

The *Twelfth Annual Exhibition of the Society* was held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 9th, 10th, and 11th of September, according to previous notice, at the Society's room, No. 23 Tremont Row. The committee to whom was entrusted the duty of decorating the room and completing the arrangements, executed their task with much taste.

The Society's room is not large enough, nor sufficiently lofty, to make a grand display; and, considering the limited space, the committee completed their arrangements with good effect, and with what we think a very decided improvement upon the last exhibition. In the centre of the room, over the large oval fruit table, was thrown two arches, the bases of which rested upon the two ends and upon the middle of the table. These arches were composed of lattice work, so as to have a light appearance, and were beautifully wreathed with evergreens, roses, splendid dahlias, asters, &c., and presented an elegant appearance. The two opposite corners of the room, from the entrance door, were fitted up with alcoves, also of lattice-work, three in each corner, the middle ones in each considerably larger than the other two. These alcoves were the receptacles of some of the most splendid bouquets which ever graced the room. They were backed by evergreens, and in front festooned by a variety of brilliant flowers, which rendered them objects of great interest, and added much to the *coup d'œil* which struck the eye upon entering the room. The cornices of the room were also beautifully festooned, which contributed in no small degree to the display.

On the tables on each side of the room were arranged collections of plants, many of them fine specimens. The *Chamærops humilis*, with its pendent fan-like foliage—the Sago palm—the thick and fleshy foliage of the India-rubber tree, (*Ficus elástica*,)—the myrtle-like blossoms of the tall and graceful *Eugenia*—the noble leaf of the Banana, intermixed with the grotesque forms of the *Cacti*,—contributed to make up a fine display. On one side of the room the plants formed a deep and rich back-ground, to the mass of splendid blooms of the dahlia which filled the stands the whole length, and the dark foliage, contrasting with the rainbow hues of this flower, heightened and set off their appearance with great effect.

The weather, with the exception of a single shower, was delightful during the week, and from the great number of strangers who were in the city, the room was crowded with visitors, all of whom seemed to be highly gratified with the display. The fruit, which has been abundant and handsome this year, was much admired, and the great variety of specimens surprised many of the visitors. On the whole, the exhibition was well

got up, and the members deserve great credit for the promptness with which they rendered their assistance.

The Committee of Arrangements dined together, as usual, at the Exchange Coffee-House, on Friday, the 11th, and the occasion was one of pleasantness and good feeling—all seemed united and animated with much zeal in the cause of floriculture and horticulture.

The following is an account of the plants exhibited :—

PLANTS :—From J. P. Cushing, Esq., *Latania* borbónica, *Phœnix dactylifera*, *Cycas revolûta*, *Chamærops humilis*, *Thea viridis*, *Begonia* sp., *Photinia arbutifolia*, &c. From Messrs. Winship, *Eugenia australis*, *Erica spuria*, *Buxus arborescens*, *Begonia argyrostigma*, *Musa rosacæa*, *Ardisia colorata*, *Acacia* sp., *Eriobotrya japonica*, *Ficus elastica*, *Fuchsia coccinea*, *Encomis vittata*, *Vallota purpurea*, *Cereus speciosissimus*, *Opuntia brasiliensis*, *Cereus cylindricus*, *Campânula pyramidalis*, *Melaleuca diosmæfolia*, *heliotropes*, *verbenas*, *roses*, *geraniums*, *Tradescantia discolor*, *Funkia japonica*, *Vinca rosea*, *Belladonna lily*, *Amaryllis Josephina* (in flower,) and other plants, to the number of upwards of forty ; also, branches of the *Shepherdia argentea*, full of fruit.

From W. E. Carter, Botanic Garden, *Tecoma capensis*, *Magnolia grandiflora*, *Cratægus glabra*, *Beaufortia decussata*, *Rhododendron arboreum*, *Illicium floridanum*, *Hækea gibbosa*, *Rochea falcata*, *Laurus excelsa*, *Taxus chinensis*, *Callistemon saligna*, *Liättris latifolia*, *Tallota purpurea*, *Nandina domestica*, *Dracæna fragrans*, *Hibiscus Mânihot*, *Eriobotrya japonica*, *Melaleucas*, *daphnes*, *acacias*, *fuchsias*, *ericas*, *diosmas*, *myrtles*, *petunias*, *azaleas*, &c., in all upwards of sixty plants ; also, a fine cut specimen of *Hedychium Gardnerianum*. From W. Meller, *Hoya carnosa*, *Fuchsia tenella* and *globosa*, *Citrus myrtifolia*, *Plumbago capensis*, *Diosma ericoibes*, *Gloxinia speciosa*, *Eugenia australis*, *Thuja orientalis*, *Lauristinus*, *heliotropes*, &c.

From Capt. Sumner, Boston, two Chinese plants, remarkable curiosities, and which attracted, and deservedly so, universal attention. They illustrated fully the Chinese system of gardening, presenting a garden in miniature. From J. L. L. F. Warren, variegated holly, common holly, silver-edged Box, *Stapelia* sp., *Eugenia australis*, *Fuchsia gracilis*, *Erica concinna*, *roses*, *rosemary*, &c. &c.

CUT FLOWERS :—From E. H. Derby, Salem, *Amaryllis Belladonna*, do. var. ? *Oxalis* sp. ? and *Nymphæa odorata*. From John Lewis Russell, a fine bouquet, composed of the following native plants :—*Liättris scariosa*, *Gentiana crinita*, *Neottia spiralis*, and *Polygonum articulatum*. A magnificent specimen of *Gloriosa superba*, from Madam Lowell, Roxbury, attracted great admiration. From S. Walker, fine pansies, and specimens of *Tigridia conchiflora*. From W. Kenrick, roses in variety. From D. Haggerston, a collection of several varieties of *verbenas*. Noisette roses,

very fine, from S. R. Johnson. A bunch of superb German asters, from Mr. Arnold, Cambridgeport. German asters, from Josiah Stickney, Esq. Asters from J. A. Kenrick and S. Sweetser. Verbenas, from J. Breck & Co.

From Hovey & Co., a collection of superb verbenas, including the following twenty species and varieties, many of them new and very splendid, viz :—*Verbena chamædrifolia*, *Arraniæna*, *Tweedieæna*, and *T. superba*, *Eyreæna*, *teucroïdes*, *incisa*, *Binneyæna*, *fùlgens*, *Wales's seedling*, *Winchestèrii*, *Russèlli*, *Colcórdii*, *Pépperi*, *ignéscens*, *Hirstii*, *Richardsòni*, *Powèlli*, *speciosa* and *venosa*. Hovey & Co. sent a collection of ten varieties of most superb double balsams, viz : rose, purple, scarlet, white, mottled, scarlet spotted, crimson spotted, purple spotted, striped, and ruby colored. Messrs. Winship sent a basket of *Passiflora quadrangulàris*.

DAHLIAS :—From Josiah Stickney, Ansell's Unique, Horsham Rival, Ingham's Canute, Rienzi, Sulphurea elegans, Essex Rival, Clark's Julia, Virgin Queen, *Striata formosissima*, Stanford's Contender, Rosa superba, Grand purple, Marshal Soult, Fire-ball, Ne Plus Ultra, Elphinstone's Coronation, Corinne, Reliance, Climax, Eva, Red Rover, &c. From P. Barnes, Suffolk Hero, Unique, Clio Perfecta, Quilled Perfection, Coronation, Middlesex Rival, Sunbury Hero, Beauty of the North, Conqueror of Europe, Metropolitan Perfection, *Striata formosissima*, Red Rover, &c. &c.

From Hovey & Co., Marshal Soult, Horticulturalist, *Striata formosissima*, Horatio, Beauty of the North, Mrs. Rushton, Stone's Yellow Perfection, Gen. Washington, Reliance, Mrs. Cox, Red Rover, Glory, Reliance, Sulphurea elegans, Splendissima, Independent, Duchess of Richmond, Sir Henry Fletcher, Rosetta, Unique, Lord Liverpool, Eva, Quilled Perfection, Princess Victoria, Blandina, &c. From J. A. Kenrick, Duchess of Richmond, Ne Plus Ultra, Rival Yellow, &c.

From M. P. Wilder, Mrs. Rushton, Unique, *Striata formosissima*, Ne Plus Ultra, Beauty of the Plain, Red Rover, Ovid, Advancer, Henry Fletcher, Castanda, Duchess of Richmond, Eva, Iver Hero, Flora Hastings, Contender (Stanford's,) Horticulturist, Bonny Jean, Lewisham Rival, Clio, Perfecta, *Girling's Heroine*, &c. &c. From D. McIntyre, Eva, Premier, Miss Johnson, Duke of Kent, *Striata formosissima*, Lord Liverpool, Marshal Soult, Bontisholl, Suffolk Hero, Mrs. Broadwood, Countess of Liverpool, Castanda, &c. &c.

From D. Haggerston, Eva, Beauty of Kingscote, Princess Victoria, *Striata formosissima*, Marshal Soult, Unique, Metropolitan Calypso, Angelina, Splendissima, Clio, Perfecta, Dennisii, Red Rover, Lady William Powlett, Gen. Washington, Beauty of the North, &c. From Joseph Breck & Co., *Striata formosissima*, Angelina, Duchess of Richmond, Unique, Rival Sussex, Dennisii, Globe, Countess of Liverpool, Metropolitan Calypso, Paragon, &c. From R. Howe, Mrs. Rushton, Desdemona,

Dennisii, Madonna, Suffolk Hero, Angelina, Red Rover, Countess of Liverpool, &c.

From S. Walker, Mrs. Rushton, Eva, Marshal Soult, *Striata formosissima*, *Desdemona*, Horsham Rival, Unique, Princess Victoria, Ne Plus Ultra, Diana, Victory, Napoleon, Lady Webster, Lady Dartmouth, Lilac Perfection, *Sulphurea elegans*, Suffolk Hero, Beauty of West Riding, &c. From W. E. Carter, *Striata formosissima*, Mrs. Rushton, Glory, Quilled Perfection, Countess of Liverpool, Dennisii, Rival Sussex, Unique, Metropolitan Calypso, &c. From J. L. L. F. Warren, dahlias of several kinds. Dahlias were also furnished for the wreaths and decorations, by most of the cultivators.

**BOUQUETS**:—A superb bouquet, for one of the largest alcoves, was contributed by Messrs. Hovey & Co. From Messrs. Winship, smaller bouquets. From W. E. Carter, bouquets; the two latter filled the smaller alcoves in one corner of the room. Mr. Walker contributed the large and two smaller ones which filled the three alcoves in the opposite corner. Besides these, bouquets were sent by R. Howe, W. Kenrick, John Hovey, W. Meller, J. A. Kenrick, &c.

**FRUITS**:—The exhibition of fruits was remarkably fine, and the variety of specimens very numerous: the numbers of contributors did not appear to be so large as usual, but a greater assortment was exhibited, by the more extensive cultivators, than usual. It is almost impossible to particularize among such a variety of excellent fruit those kinds which appeared to be of the greatest merit; our report will show the names of the kinds sent by each contributor. Mr. Manning, as usual, presented a great variety of pears, and among the number we noticed several which have not fruited previous to the present season, in this country, and some of them were taken from trees grafted with scions sent to Mr. Manning, by that great pomologist and originator of new pears, Dr. Van Mons, of Belgium. Mr. Wilder exhibited a great variety of pears, and many of the specimens were very large and fine. Mr. Pond, also, made a fine show; some Dix pairs among his fruit, were decidedly the largest that we have ever seen. E. Phinney, B. V. French, and J. M. Ives, contributed a great variety. Mr. Haggerston's grapes, as usual, were of excellent quality, probably superior to any in the vicinity of Boston: and Mr. Cowan's peaches and nectarines were of surpassing size and beauty. Such a display, we venture to say, could not be made any where else in the Union.

From Mr. Vose, the President of the Society, Napoleon, Petre, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Long green, Winter Warden, Cushing, King of Wurtemberg, Lewis, and Urbaniste pears; Hawthorndean, (beautiful,) Lady Haley's Nonsuch, and large red Sweeting apples; green Flesh, Cantelope, Minorca, and Nutmeg melons, all very fine specimens. From Richard Ward, Roxbury, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Seckel, and Andrews

pears ; and several varieties of peaches. From T. W. Lamb, Newton, Williams's Bon Chrétien pears ; and several sorts of apples and quinces.

From R. Manning, the following assortment of pears ;—Althorp Crasanne, Flemish Beauty, Bon Chrétien Turk, Héricart, Jutte or Buit, and Wredon ; these six were now exhibited for the first time ; Beurré Bosc, Buffum, Beurré von Marum, Belle Lucrative, Beurré Bronze, Bishop's Thumb, Cushing, Bezi de la Motte, Cabot, (a fine pear,) Bezi Chaumontel, Beurré Duval, Foster's St. Michael, Fulton, Harvard, Bergamotte d'Autonne, Golden Beurré of Bilboa, Huguenot, Hacon's Incomparable, Vallé Franche, Jalousie, King Edward, Long Green, Petre, Pope's Russett, Ronville, King of Wurtemberg, Williams's Melting, Surpasse Virgoulouse, Naumkeag, Winter Nelis, Urbaniste, Garnons, green pear of Yair, Fondante du Bois, Louis Bon Real, Forme de Delices, Alpha, and Dearborn's seedling ; in all forty-four varieties ; the specimens were very handsome : also the following apples ;—Emperor Alexander, Fall Harvey, Gravenstein, Murphy, red Crab, Swaar, Ribstone pippin, Beauty of the West, and Victorious Reinette.

From M. P. Wilder, a fine collection of pears, viz :—Bon Chrétien, Fondante, Williams's Bon Chrétien, King of Wurtemberg, Beurré Bronze, Fulton, Easter Beurré, Dix, Surpasse Virgoulouse, Louis Bonne of Jersey, Napoleon, Cumberland, Cushing, Prince's St. Germain, Duchess d'Angoulême, Heatcot, Urbaniste, Belle et Bonne, Belle Lucrative, Raymond, Rouse Lench, Wilkinson, Seckel, Thompson, Queen Catharine, Garnons, Gout Morceau, Belmont, Bleeker's Meadow, Fourcroy, Summer Thorn, Bouvier, Fondante de Bois, Seckel, on the quince, Forelle, Whitfield, Beurré Diel, Passe Colmar, of the first and second crops, the latter on new wood, Chaumontel, Borgemeister, Iron, Catillac, Beurré d'Aremberg, French, (without name,) and the Columbian Virgoulouse ; the specimens of the latter were remarkably large and fair, and we doubt not that it will prove a most valuable variety ; all Mr. Wilder's specimens were handsome, and of good size.

From J. P. Cushing, Esq., by Mr. Haggerston, fine grapes of the following varieties :—Black Hamburg, Black Maroc, White Sweetwater, St. Peters, Grizzly Frontignac, Syrian, Black Morocco, White Frontignac, and Muscat of Alexandria. From Perrin May, Boston, beautiful brown Beurré and Bon Chrétien pears. From A. D. Capen, Dorchester, Seckel pears. From J. Gardener, Dorchester, Gravenstein apples. From Cheever Newhall, Napoleon, St. Michael, Wilkinson, Urbaniste, Dix, King of Wurtemberg, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Bleeker's Meadow, Knight's Seedling, (?) and Harrison (?) pears ; Porter and Gravenstein apples, and native black grapes. From Messrs. Winship, Andrews, King of Wurtemberg, and Capiaumont pears, and Gravenstein apples.

From S. Pond, pears, viz :—Passe Colmar, St. Ghislain, Napoleon,

Andrews, Surpasse Virgoulouse, Dix, (very large,) Julienne, Duchess d'Angouleme, Wilkinson, Easter Beurré (superior,) Williams's Bon Chrétien, Beurré Diel, and Cushing; also, Semiana (?) Lombard, Diamond, and Pond's seedling (?) plums, the whole remarkably fine. From J. Heard, Watertown, fine Broca's Bergamot pears. From A. D. Williams, King of Wurtemberg, Chelmsford, Andrews, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Cushing and Summer Thorn pears; and Porter, Sops of Wine and Lady apples. From S. R. Johnson, large clusters of white Frontignac and white Chasselas grapes from the open air.

From B. V. French, a large collection of good fruit, particularly of apples, as follows:—Mela Carle, Black, Ortley pippin, Monstrous pippin, Yellow Bellflower, High-top sweeting, Court Pendu Plat, Porter, Garden Royal, Adams's sweeting, Hawthorndean, Garden Striped, French Sweet, Fall Sops of Wine, Bourasoe, Sweet greening, Pomme de Neige, Dutch Codlin, Templeton Winter Sweet, and red and green Winter Sweet—twenty varieties, and the best collection of this noble fruit in the room; also, Passe Colmar, Chelmsford, Ronville, Archduke of Austria, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Cushing, Harvard, Beurré Von Marum, King's Bon Chrétien and Monsieur Le Curé pears.

From J. M. Ives, Salem, the following pears:—Belle Lucrative, Napoleon, Beurré Bosc, King of Wurtemberg, Raymond, Early Beurré of Prince's *Catalogue*, Beza Montigny, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Cushing, Washington, and Passe Colmar; also, Swaar, Danvers Winter Sweet, Rambo or Romanite, Wellington, Michael Henry pippin, Drap d'or, Mela Carle, and Camfield or Newark Sweeting apples; Crugar's seedling, blue Imperatrice and Sharp's Emperor plums; Skillman's netted and Murray's pine apple melons. From Mrs. Gibbs, Boston, St. Germain, Garnons and St. Michael pears. From Gen. Sumner, Brookline, raspberries of the second crop, on new wood; also, Broca's Bergamotte, green Muscat, Summer Thorn and Heathcot pears.

From J. A. Kenrick, a variety of good fruit, viz:—Kilham Hill, York russett, Hubbardston Nonsuch, Rhode Island greening, Baldwin, Cogswell, Dutch Codlin, Rambour Franc, Pumpkin sweet, yellow Crab, Porter and High-top sweeting apples; St. Michael and Andrews pears; Cutter's yellow rareripe, Morisiana pound, Heath, Van Zandt superb, and Wells's freestone peaches; also water melons. From John Fowle, Roxbury, Williams's Bon Chrétien pears. From Joseph Balch, Roxbury, Grizzly Frontignac, Black Prince, Blanquette, French, and a variety of grape, name unknown—all handsome and fine clusters. From Jos. Pines, Hanover, N. H., sweet baking apples. From William P. Richardson, Salem, Ribstone pippin apples, and Rousselet de Rheims, Broca's Bergamot, and Seckel pears, superior specimens. From S. H. Colton & Co., Worcester, seedling peaches and seedling apples.

From Col. T. H. Perkins, by Mr. Cowan, splendid peaches, nectarines and grapes, viz:—New Royal George and Grosse Galande peaches; Broomfield and Elruge nectarines; and black Hamburg, Muscat of Lunel, Muscat of Alexandria, White Nice, St. Peters, Golden Chasselas, and white sweetwater grapes. From Mrs. T. Bigelow, Medford, Jacques's rareripe, and two varieties of seedling peaches, very fine; St. Michael and Bon Chrétien pears; Monstrous pippin, and blue pearmain apples; striped melons and fine large lemons. From J. Parkman, Brighton, Duchess d'Angoulême and Monsieur Le Curé pears. From C. Warren, Brighton, Williams's Bon Chrétien pears. From C. Sharpe, Brookline, an Imperial watermelon, weighing twenty-two pounds, a very large and superior specimen of this most excellent variety.

From George Brown, Beverly, a good collection of fruit, viz:—Seckel, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Passe Colmar, Van Mons, Napoleon, Summer Thorn, Catillac, Bergamot Nonpareil, and other varieties of pears, without names; seedling nectarines, called the Harrison; also, Drap d'Or, Brattle white, green sweeting, Siberian crab, Holland and Lady apples. From J. Fisher, Brookline, Williams's Bon Chrétien, Seckel, Andrews, St. Michael, Cuisse, Madam, Wilkinson and Cushing pears. From Dr. Burnett, Southborough, Burnett pears. From Capt. George Lee, Cambridge, red Calville and Ribstone pippin apples; Minorca and Imperial watermelons. From E. T. Hastings, Boston, St. Michael pears.

From E. M. Richards, Porter, Hawthorndean, Walpole, Sumner pearmain, Fall Sops of Wine, Fall pippin, Marseilles red, red Ingestrie and yellow Ingestrie apples; also, Cushing, Foster, and Harrison pears. From E. Newbury, Brooklyn, Conn., fine specimens of Jacques's yellow rareripe peaches. From J. J. Low, Roxbury, Gloria Mundi, Ribstone pippin, Bellflower, Mackay sweeting, and blue pearmain apples; also, Andrews, Johannot, St. Michael, Urbaniste, Fulton and Sylvange Verte pears. From William Pratt, by Mr. McLennan, Andrews pears, and fine specimens of black Hamburg, white Frontignac, and white Sweetwater grapes.

From S. Downer, apples and pears, viz:—Dix, Urbaniste, Marie Louise, and King of Wurtemberg pears; also, Lyscom, Hawthorndean, and red and green Sweeting apples. From George Newhall, Dorchester, Cushing, Fulton, Belle et Bonne, Seckel, King of Wurtemberg, Cumberland, Andrews, Dix, Urbaniste, and Williams's Bon Chrétien pears; also, Hubbardston Nonsuch, Bellflower, and Pumpkin Sweet and Porter apples. From N. N. Dyer, South Abington, Mass., Bourne sweeting, Beam, (very large,) black Bantoe, Elijah, and one variety of apple, name unknown. From John Hovey, two varieties of peaches, and white Sweetwater grapes from the open air. From T. Comstock, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Virgoulouse (?) and St. Michael pears, and spice and Hagloe crab apples.

From Elias Phinney, Lexington, a large collection of pears, apples, peaches and grapes, embracing many new and fine varieties—some of his specimens were very large, fair, and of great beauty. We regret that his list has been mislaid, and that we are not able to give an account of all the different varieties.

From S. Walker, Wilkinson, Orange, Belle de Brussels, Bergamot, and one kind of pear without name : also, Coe's golden Drop plum. From J. L. L. F. Warren, Porter, monstrous pippin, River, and Crab apples ; Urbaniste, Washington, and King of Wurtemberg pears ; Prince's red rare-ripe, and seedling peaches ; Sweetwater grapes grown in the open air ; and Imperial watermelons. From F. Tudor, Esq., from his garden at Nahant, Petit Madam, and Winship peaches. From Charles Johnson, Weston, Seckel, and King of Wurtemberg pears, and Hawthorndean apples. From T. Johnson, Chelsea, Citron melons.

VEGETABLES :—The exhibition of vegetables was not so good as last season : but few specimens were sent in, owing probably to the early day of the exhibition, compared with last year. The following are all that were exhibited :—

From E. Phinney, Esq., Lexington, a Harrison squash, weighing one hundred and thirty-seven pounds, a large and very superior specimen of this valuable tribe ; also, a large African squash. From A. D. Williams, fine specimens of Autumnal Marrow, and Crookneck winter squashes ; also, tomatoes and blood beets. From Richard Ward, Roxbury, very large Lima beans.

From Hovey & Co., superior specimens of the new white carrot, some of them eighteen inches long. From John Hovey, tomatoes. From N. N. Dyer, two ears Brown corn, thirteen inches long, [this appeared to be the Parker.] From Harrison Gray, Roxbury, Spanish tomatoes.—From T. Johnson, Chelsea, Canada Crookneck squash, Parching corn, (ripened in ninety-seven days,) and Early Canada corn, a good specimen. From J. L. L. F. Warren, Seven Years' pumpkin, Autumnal Marrow squash, growth of 1839, Autumnal Marrow squash of this year's crop, and sugar beet.

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## FIRST GRAND DAHLIA SHOW.

SEPTEMBER 23D.....1840.

The first *Grand Dahlia Show* of the Society for premiums, took place on Wednesday, the 23d September. The rooms were open to the public on Wednesday, at twelve o'clock, noon, and continued open till Saturday, the 26th, at six o'clock, P. M.

The exhibition was much finer than the most sanguine cultivator could have anticipated, and the number of competitors for the premiums larger than expected. Nearly three thousand superb blooms of the dahlia, of all colors and shades, were displayed, besides fine collections of asters and annuals, both of which were also exhibited for the Society's premiums. A variety of bouquets, verbenas, and other flowers, were also contributed, which rendered the show much more interesting. Messrs. Hovey & Co. presented a stand of splendid verbenas, and Mr. Walker three fine bouquets. German asters, from Josiah Stickney, S. Sweetser, J. J. Low, and J. L. L. F. Warren.

The rules and regulations of the Society, which had been previously published, were strictly adhered to on the occasion of this exhibition, and we think it will have a greater tendency to spread a correct taste for this beautiful flower, than any exhibition which has ever been made. The blooms were shown in classes of six, twelve, and twenty-four; besides these, there was a grand display of specimens not entered for premium.

The principal contributors were Josiah Stickney, M. P. Wilder, Hovey & Co., D. Haggerston, J. J. Low, S. Walker, D. McIntyre, Jos. Breck & Co., S. Sweetser, W. E. Carter, J. A. Kenrick, Capt. Macondry, W. Kenrick, W. Meller, H. W. Dutton, W. Bacon, J. L. L. F. Warren, P. G. Seabury (New Bedford,) P. Barnes, Messrs. Winship, J. T. Buckingham, Rufus Howe, and A. McLennan.

The names of the dahlias which obtained the prizes awarded by the judges, are as follows:—

#### PREMIER PRIZE.

Best six dissimilar blooms:—Gaines's Primrose, Marshal Sout, Suffolk Hero, Dodd's Mary, Rose Superior, and Lady Bathurst—M. P. Wilder, a premium of \$15.

#### SPECIMEN BLOOM.

Best bloom:—Gaines's Primrose—M. P. Wilder, a premium of \$5. Discretionary premium of \$5, to J. J. Low, for Girling's Castanda.

#### DIVISION A.

*Open to all cultivators of more than two hundred plants.*

#### CLASS I.

Best twenty-four dissimilar blooms:—Lady Bathurst, Marshal Sout, Suffolk Hero, Glory of Plymouth, Hedley's Penelope, Topaz, Castanda, Rival Sussex, Harwood's Defiance, Dodd's Mary, Stanford's Contender, Eva, Ne Plus Ultra, Countess of Liverpool, Glory, Ovid, Springfield Rival, Rosetta, Lord Byron, Dennisii, Striata formosissima, Sir Henry Fletcher, Mrs. Rushton, Yellow Perfection—M. P. Wilder, a premium of \$8.

Second best twenty-four dissimilar blooms :—Suffolk Hero, Springfield Major, Lady Dartmouth, Purple Perfection, Countess of Mansfield, Warminster Rival, Blandina, Sunbury Hero, Grand Purple, Queen of Scots, Maria Edgeworth, Horsham Rival, Sir Henry Fletcher, Marshal Soult, Exquisite, Lilac Perfection, Sulphurea elegans, Mrs. Rushton, Triumphant, Striata formosissima, Red Rover, Unique, Rival Sussex, Napoleon—J. J. Low, a premium of \$6.

## CLASS II.

Best twelve dissimilar blooms :—Lewisham Rival, Castanda, Unique, Fire-ball, Virgin Queen, Eva, Striata Formosissima, Marshal Soult, Clark's Julia, Stanford's Contender, Sulphurea elegans, and Essex Rival—Josiah Stickney, a premium of \$6.

Second best twelve dissimilar blooms :—Gen. Washington, Marshal Soult, Independent (Widnall's,) Cambridge Hero, Sulphurea elegans, Zeno, Blandina, Reliance, Royal Standard, Unique, Elphinstone's Horticulturist, and Duchess of Richmond—Hovey & Co., a premium of \$4.

## CLASS III.

Best six dissimilar blooms :—Beauty of the North, Suffolk Hero, Quilled Perfection, Sulphurea elegans, Dodd's Mary Queen of Scots, and Fowler's Queen Victoria—D. Haggerston, a premium of \$4.

Second best six dissimilar blooms :—Zeno, Unique, Rienzi, Beauty of Bedford, Dennisii, and Fowler's Queen Victoria—J. A. Kenrick, a premium of \$2.

## DIVISION B.

*Open to all cultivators of less than two hundred plants.*

## CLASS I.

Best twenty-four dissimilar blooms :—Castanda, Hope, Marshal Soult, Lady Bathurst, Lord Liverpool, Suffolk Hero, Fire-ball, Striata formosissima, Madonna, Countess of Liverpool, Mrs. Broadwood, Ne Plus Ultra, Sir Robert Peel, Splendissima, Clark's Julia, Bowman's Premier, Bon-tisholl, Eva, Unique, Elliot's Coronation, Rival Sussex, Rienzi, Middlesex Rival, and Lord Ingestrie—D. McIntyre, a premium of \$8.

Second best twenty-four dissimilar blooms :—no prize awarded.

## CLASS II.

Best twelve dissimilar blooms :—Horsham Rival, Sulphurea elegans, Princess Victoria, Gem, Eva, Fowler's Queen Victoria, Napoleon, Suffolk Hero, Duchess of Richmond, Ne Plus Ultra, Unique, and Bowling Green Rival—S. Walker, a premium of \$6.

Second best twelve dissimilar blooms :—Summum Bonum, Cambridge Hero, Sesostris, Princess Victoria, Unique, Mrs. Rushton, Maria Edge-

worth, Countess of Mansfield, Rienzi, Striata formosissima, Marshal Sout, and Quilled Perfection—S. Sweetser, a premium of \$4.

## CLASS III.

Best six dissimilar blooms :—Hope, Lady Dartmouth, Quilled Perfection, Ne Plus Ultra, Countess of Torrington, and Countess of Mansfield—W. Meller, a premium of \$4.

Second best six dissimilar blooms :—Chandler's Magnificent, Mrs. Rush-ton, Lady Milton, Golden Sovereign, Eva, and Mary Queen of Scots—W. E. Carter, a premium of \$2.

No seedling bloom was exhibited for the prize. The second stand of twenty-four, in Division B., was set aside for its generally faulty appearance. There were fifteen entrances for the best specimen bloom, and four for the premier prize. The judges were appointed by a majority of the contributors, and there were a set of judges, consisting of seven, for each division.

At the same time the premiums for German asters and annuals were awarded as follows :—

GERMAN ASTERS.—For the best display, to Messrs. Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	\$5 00
For the second best display, to J. J. Low, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
ANNUALS.—For the best display, to J. Breck & Co., a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the second best display, to Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	2 00

Messrs. S. Walker and ——— Banks were judges.

On Thursday, the 24th, the exhibitors and judges, with a few invited guests, dined together at the Exchange Coffee-House. Among the gentlemen present were Gen. Dearborn, Rev. Mr. Colman, Commissioner of the Agricultural Survey, N. J. Becar, Esq. of New York, and Mr. Buckingham of the Courier. The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements presided, assisted by Mr. D. Haggerston and C. M. Hovey. Upwards of thirty sat down to the dinner.

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 MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, *Sept.* 25, 1840.

The Chairman of the Library Committee read a report. The Report stated that the committee had procured, or made arrangements to procure, the following works :—

MacIntosh's Flower Garden, Green-house and Orchard, 3 vols.—Kollar

on Insects, 1 vol.—Iconography of the Camelia; in folio numbers, monthly: by the Abbe Berlése.—Loudon's Arboretum et Fructicetum Britannicum; 8 vols. 8vo.—Loudon's Suburban Gardener; 1 vol. 8vo.—Loudon's Encyclopedia of Cottage and Village Architecture; 1 large vol. 8vo.—Repton's Landscape Gardening; 1 vol. 8vo.—By J. C. Loudon.—Mrs. Loudon's Flower Garden of Ornamental Annuals; 1 vol. quarto.—Audubon's Birds of America; in semi-monthly numbers.—Catalogue of the London Horticultural Society, last edition.—Loudon's Gardener's Magazine, 2 vols. xv. and xvi., for 1839 and 1840.—Amounting, in all, to about one hundred dollars, exclusive of Audubon's Birds of America, which will cost twenty-five dollars, yearly, till completed. The report was accepted, and, there being no other business, the meeting was dissolved.

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### OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1840--41.

At the annual meeting of the Society, Oct. 1, the following officers were elected for 1840-1841:—

*President.*—M. P. Wilder.

*Vice-Presidents.*—William Oliver, B. V. French, Jonathan Winship, C. Newhall.

*Treasurer.*—Samuel Walker.

*Corresponding Secretary.*—R. T. Paine.

*Recording Secretary.*—E. M. Richards.

*Council.*—S. Downer, A. Aspinwall, T. Lee, William Oliver, Jonathan Winship, B. V. French, E. M. Richards, L. P. Grosvenor, P. B. Hovey, jr., R. Manning, O. Johnson, W. Kenrick.

*Prof. of Botany and Vegetable Physiology.*—John Lewis Russell, A. M.

*Prof. of Entomology.*—T. W. Harris, M. D.

*Prof. of Horticultural Chemistry.*—S. L. Dana, M. D.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Committee on Fruits.*—R. Manning, chairman; B. V. French, William Oliver, S. Downer, P. B. Hovey, jr., L. P. Grosvenor, W. Kenrick, J. A. Kenrick, S. Pond, J. L. L. F. Warren, O. Johnson.

*Committee on Flowers.*—C. M. Hovey, chairman; D. Haggerston, Joseph Breck, S. Sweetser, S. R. Johnson, W. E. Carter, Josiah Stickney.

*Committee on Vegetables.*—S. Pond, chairman; P. B. Hovey, jr., Rufus Howe, John Hovey, A. D. Williams, Joseph Breck, J. A. Kenrick.

*Committee on the Library.*—T. Lee, chairman; R. T. Paine, William Oliver, C. K. Dillaway, C. M. Hovey, R. Manning.

*Committee on Synonyms of Fruit.*—R. Manning, chairman ; S. Downer, E. M. Richards, W. Kenrick.

*Executive Committee.*—M. P. Wilder, chairman ; William Oliver, B. V. French, E. M. Richards, C. M. Hovey.

*Finance Committee.*—E. Vose, chairman ; W. Oliver, B. V. French.

Mr. Vose, in retiring from the chair, which situation he had occupied for several years, expressed his gratification in leaving the Society in a state so much more prosperous than when he first entered upon the duties of his office. At that time, the treasury was completely exhausted, and the Society in debt—now, it was in a prosperous condition, with a surplus fund fully adequate to its present wants. He also expressed to the members the gratitude which he felt in being so well sustained in his efforts to serve the Society to the best of his ability. In taking his official leave of the Society, he bade them farewell.

The President elect, Col. Wilder, then took the chair. The honor, to him, he said, had been unexpected, and he felt that a task had devolved upon him, to fulfil the duties of the office, after the untiring efforts of the able gentleman who had preceded him. If, however, the members would give him their indulgence, he would endeavor to discharge his duties in such a manner as to serve the best interests of the Society.

At a meeting held October 24, 1840—

*Voted, unanimously,* That the thanks of this Society, with a piece of plate, as a testimony thereof, be presented to the Hon. E. Vose, for the many valuable services rendered to the Society, during the period he has discharged the duties as its President.

*Voted,* That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated for this purpose, and that a committee be appointed to procure a piece of plate, and cause a suitable inscription to be engraved thereon, and present the same with the thanks of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Messrs. Samuel Walker, E. M. Richards and Josiah Stickney, were chosen said committee.

At a meeting of the Mass. Horticultural Society, held January 2d, 1841, Mr. Walker transmitted the following correspondence—whereupon it was

*Voted,* That the same be entered on the records of the Society and published in the New England Farmer.

Attest,

E. M. RICHARDS, *Rec. Sec'y.*

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*Roxbury, Dec. 25th, 1840.*

DEAR SIR—The undersigned have the honor of being a committee, appointed by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, to present you the thanks of the same, with a piece of plate, as a testimonial of the high

sense entertained of the many and valuable services rendered by you to the Society, during your connection with it as its President.

In requesting your acceptance of this token of respect, we cannot forbear alluding to the prosperous condition in which you leave the affairs of the Society; we attribute this mainly to the able and efficient manner in which you have discharged the duties and responsibilities connected therewith.

Permit us, dear sir, to add, in the performance of this our duty, that we have great pleasure, individually, (as well as on account of the Society,) in expressing the high esteem in which we hold your services.

Accept our best wishes for your long and continued happiness.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

S. WALKER, E. M. RICHARDS, JOSIAH STICKNEY,	}	Committee.
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To the Hon. ELIJAH VOSE, Dorchester.

*Dorchester, Dec. 26th, 1840.*

GENTLEMEN—I have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 25th instant, communicating to me, by the request of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the expression of its approbation of my official conduct whilst connected with it. I assure you, gentlemen, that I conceive this manifestation of the good opinion of the Society with great sensibility, more especially, as emanating from those who have so long been the eye-witnesses of the conduct which they have seen proper to approve.

To whatever extent it may have fallen to my share to participate in the direction of the affairs of the Society, it has been a paramount object to render it, as far as possible, subservient to the public welfare, by fostering a taste for the various branches of culture which it has been its especial object to promote, by elevating the standard of that taste, and disseminating its influences, so that the beneficial effects, both moral and physical, of the interesting pursuits of horticulture, might be more sensibly felt throughout the community. It is a source of gratification to believe that exertions to this effect are appreciated.

I beg you to convey to the members of the Society my sincere thanks for this testimonial of their regard, and to accept my acknowledgements for the flattering manner in which you have tendered to me the beautiful article presented by them. I shall always highly value it, on account of the interesting associations connected with it.

With sentiments of great respect,

I am very truly, yours,

ELIJAH VOSE.

To S. WALKER. E. M. RICHARDS. and JOSIAH STICKNEY, Esqrs.

## REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES AWARDING PREMIUMS FOR 1840.

At the meeting of the Society, April 24, the Executive Committee presented the following reports of the several committees awarding Premiums for 1840.

### FLOWER COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Flowers respectfully submit the following report of the premiums awarded for the year 1840:—

<i>Hyacinths</i> —For the best display, a premium to Joseph Breck & Co., of . . . . .	\$5 00
<i>Tulips</i> —For the best twelve blooms, to Samuel Walker, a premium of . . . . .	10 00
For the second best twelve blooms, to S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Geraniums</i> —For the best six plants in bloom in pots, to A. Bowditch, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the next best six plants in bloom in pots, to W. Meller, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Pansies</i> —For the best twelve flowers, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best six different varieties, to W. Meller, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best seedling, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
<i>Roses</i> —For the best fifty blooms of hardy roses, to J. A. Kenrick, a premium of . . . . .	8 00
For the second best fifty blooms, to S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	6 00
For the best display of Chinese and other tender varieties, to S. R. Johnson, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pæonies</i> —For the best display of flowers, to W. Kenrick, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display of flowers, to J. A. Kenrick, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Pinks</i> —For the best display of flowers, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best seedling, to S. Walker, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Carnations</i> —For the best display of flowers, to W. Meller, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display, to John Hovey, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>German Asters</i> —For the best display of flowers, to Messrs. Hovey & Co., a premium of . . . . .	5 00

For the second best display of flowers, to J. J. Low, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Annals</i> —For the best display, to Joseph Breck & Co., a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the second best display, to Hovey & Co., a premium of	2 00
<i>Dahlias</i> —PREMIER PRIZE: best six blooms, to M. P. Wilder, a premium of . . . . .	15 00
Specimen bloom: the best flower to M. P. Wilder, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
Discretionary premium for second best, to J. J. Low, . . . . .	5 00

## DIVISION A.

## CLASS I.

Best twenty-four blooms, to M. P. Wilder, . . . . .	8 00
Second best twenty-four blooms, to J. J. Low, . . . . .	6 00

## CLASS II.

Best twelve blooms, to J. Stickney, . . . . .	6 00
Second best twelve blooms, to Hovey & Co., . . . . .	4 00

## CLASS III.

Best six blooms, to D. Haggerston, . . . . .	4 00
Second best six blooms, to J. A Kenrick, . . . . .	2 00

## DIVISION B.

## CLASS I.

Best twenty-four blooms, to D. McIntyre, . . . . .	8 00
Second best twenty-four blooms (no prize).	

## CLASS II.

Best twelve blooms, to S. Walker, . . . . .	6 00
Second best twelve blooms, to S. Sweetser, . . . . .	4 00

## CLASS III.

Best six blooms, to W. Meller, . . . . .	4 00
Second best six blooms, to W. E. Carter, . . . . .	2 00

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The Committee have exceeded the amount voted to them by the Society, \$48 00. It was their intention to ask for a larger sum last spring, but, upon further consultation, they concluded to offer suitable premiums for the encouragement of the dahlia, a plant which adds so much to the interest of our annual displays, and leave it for the Society to make up the deficit at the end of the season.

The Committee are happy to have it in their power to state, that the

shows have been much more interesting than usual; that the specimens of flowers exhibited, with the exception of carnations, have been very beautiful, and the premiums have been worthily gained by the respective exhibitors. They only regret that it was not in their power to award a larger sum, and for a greater variety of objects, which are well deserving of encouragement.

In conclusion, they would hope that the funds of the Society will enable them to devote a more liberal sum for premiums, believing that in no way can the interests of the science of horticulture be so much advanced.

Respectfully submitted.

C. M. HOVEY, *Chairman.*

[The appropriation of money for the Flower Committee having been but \$125, the Executive Committee could not approve of the report, without its being reduced to that amount, and it was then accepted, with the provision that the premiums should be paid *pro rata* on that sum.]

#### FRUIT COMMITTEE.

The Fruit Committee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for 1840-41, recommend for the approval of the Executive Committee the following Premiums on Fruits, to be paid from an appropriation made for that purpose:—

<i>Apples</i> —For the best Summer Apples, to John Hovey, Roxbury,	\$5 00
For the best Autumn, to George Lee, West Cambridge,	5 00
For the best Winter, to Benjamin V. French, Braintree,	5 00
<i>Pears</i> —For the best Summer Pears, to Samuel Pond, Cambridge Port,	5 00
For the best Autumn, to Samuel Pond, Cambridge Port,	5 00
For the best Winter, to Marshal P. Wilder, Dorchester,	5 00
<i>Cherries</i> —For the best Cherries, to Elijah Vose, Dorchester,	5 00
For the next best, to John A. Kenrick, Newton,	4 00
<i>Peaches</i> —For the best Peaches, open culture, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton,	5 00
For the next best, (a seedling,) to E. M. Richards, Dedham,	4 00
For the best under glass, to Mr. Milne, Portland, Me.,	5 00
<i>Plums</i> —For the best plums, to Samuel Pond,	5 00
<i>Grapes</i> —For the best foreign grapes under glass, to David Haggerston, Watertown,	10 00
For the best foreign grapes, open culture, to Samuel R. Johnson, Charlestown,	5 00
<i>Nectarines</i> —For the best nectarines, to Elias Phinney, Lexington,	5 00
<i>Quinces</i> —For the best quinces, \$3 00 each to Elijah Vose, Dorchester, and Samuel Pond,	6 00

<i>Gooseberries</i> —For the best gooseberries, to John Hovey, Roxbury,	5 00
<i>Raspberries</i> —For the best raspberries, to Aaron D. Weld, Roxbury,	5 00
<i>Strawberries</i> —For the best strawberries, to Messrs. Hovey & Co., Boston,	5 00
For the next best, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton,	4 00
<i>Currants</i> —For the best currants, to Aaron D. Williams, Roxbury,	3 00
<i>Melons</i> —For the best muskmelons, to Elijah Vose, Dorchester,	3 00
For the best watermelons, to Clement Sharp, Roxbury,	3 00
For a great variety of pears, a gratuity to R. Manning, Salem,	10 00
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	\$122 00

The amount of Premiums awarded is one hundred and twenty-two dollars, being within the amount appropriated for that purpose; which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN V. FRENCH, *Chairman.*

#### VEGETABLE COMMITTEE.

The Committee would report the following Premiums for the year 1840 :

<i>Asparagus</i> —No premium,	
<i>Beans</i> —Large Lima, to E. Vose,	\$3 00
Early Dwarf—no premium.	
<i>Brocoli</i> —No premium.	
<i>Beets</i> —To A. D. Williams,	2 00
<i>Cabbages</i> —No premium.	
<i>Carrots</i> —No premium.	
<i>Cauliflower</i> —No premium.	
<i>Celery</i> —No premium.	
<i>Corn</i> —For boiling, to J. L. L. F. Warren,	2 00
<i>Cucumbers</i> —To J. L. L. F. Warren,	4 00
<i>Lettuce</i> —No premium.	
<i>Peas</i> —To J. L. L. F. Warren,	4 00
<i>Potatoes</i> —No premium.	
<i>Rhubarb</i> —To Samuel Walker,	3 00
<i>Squashes</i> —Winter, to A. D. Williams,	3 00
Summer—no premium.	
<i>Tomatoes</i> —To John Hovey,	3 00
<i>Egg Plant</i> —To E. M. Richards,	2 00
<i>Brussels Sprouts</i> —To John Prince,	2 00
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	\$27 00

The Committee recommend the following gratuities :—

To Messrs. Hovey & Co., for fine specimens of white carrot, exhibited at the annual exhibition, . . . . .	\$2 00
To E. Phinney, Esq., Lexington, for the very fine specimen of Squash, called "Harrison Squash," a gratuity of	4 00
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	\$33 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL POND, *Chairman.*

*April 24th, 1841.*

MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, *June 5, 1841.*

The new Constitution reported at the last stated meeting, came up for its final acceptance. It was taken up in sections, and after some discussion, adopted as the Constitution of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, *June 19, 1841.*

The President read a letter from D. Haggerston, gardener to J. P. Cushing, Esq., respecting the destruction of the *rose slug*, and expressing his desire to compete for the premium offered by the Society for destroying this injurious insect. The report was referred to the chairman of the Flower Committee, with a request that they report thereon as soon as practicable.

The communication from Mr. Haggerston was as follows :—

*To the President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.*

SIR :—Having discovered a cheap and effectual mode of destroying the *rose slug*, I wish to become a competitor for the premium offered by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

After very many satisfactory experiments with the following substance, I am convinced it will destroy the above insect in either of the states in which it appears on the plant, as the fly when it is laying its eggs, or as the slug, when it is committing its depredations on the foliage.

*Whale oil soap*, dissolved at the rate of two pounds to fifteen gallons of water: I have used it stronger without injury to the plants, but find the above mixture effectual in the destruction of the insect. I find, from experiments, there is a difference in the strength of the soap; it will be

better for persons using it to try it diluted as above, and if it does not kill the insect, add a little more soap, with caution.

In corresponding with Messrs. Downer, Austin & Co., on the difference in its appearance, they say, "whale oil soap varies much in its relative strength, the article not being made as soap, but being formed in our process of bleaching oil; when it is of very sharp taste and dark appearance, the alkali predominates, and when light-colored and of flat taste, the grease predominates." The former I have generally used, but have tried the light-colored, and find it equally effectual, but requires a little more soap, say two pounds to thirteen gallons of water.

*Mode of preparation.*—Take whatever quantity of soap you wish to prepare, and dissolve it in boiling water, about one quart to a pound; in this state strain it through a fine wire or hair sieve, which takes out the dirt, and prevents its stopping the valves of the engine, or the rose of the syringe; then add cold water to make it the proper strength; apply it to the rose bush with a hand-engine or syringe with as much force as practicable, and be sure that every part of the leaves are well saturated with the liquid; what falls to the ground in application will do good in destroying the worms and enriching the soil, and from its trifling cost, it can be used with profusion; a hogshead of one hundred and thirty-six gallons costs forty-five cents, not quite four mills per gallon. Early in the morning, or in the evening, is the proper time to apply it to the plants.

As there are many other troublesome and destructive insects the above preparation will destroy, as effectually as the rose slug, it may be of benefit to the community to know the different kinds upon which I have tried it with success.

*The Thrips*, often called the vine-fretter, a small, light-colored or spotted fly, quick in motion, which in some places are making the rose bush nearly as bad in appearance, as the effects of the slug.

*Aphis*, or plant louse, under the name of green or brown fly; an insect not quick in motion, very abundant on, and destructive to, the young shoots of the rose, peach trees, and many other plants. The Black Fly, a very troublesome and destructive insect, that infests the young shoots of the cherry and the snow-ball tree. I have never known any positive cure for the effects of this insect, until this time.

*Two varieties* of insects that are destructive to, and very much disfigure evergreens, the balsam or balm of Gilead fir in particular; one an aphid, the other very much like the rose slug.

*The Acarus*, or red spider, that well-known pest to gardeners.

The above insects are generally all destroyed by one application, if properly applied to all parts of the foliage; the eggs of most insects continue to hatch in rotation during their season; to keep the plants perfectly clean, it will be necessary to dress them two or three times.

*The disease, Mildew*, on the gooseberry, peach, grape vine, &c. &c., is checked, and entirely destroyed by a weak dressing of the solution.

*The Canker Worm*. As the trees on this place are not troubled with this worm, I have not had an opportunity of trying experiments by dressing the trees, but have collected the worms, which the liquid kills by being touched with it. The expense of labor and engines for dressing large trees, to be effectual, may be more than the application of it will warrant ; but I think, by saturating the ground under the trees with the liquid, about the time the insects change from the chrysalis state and ascend the trees, it will destroy them ; or when the moths are on the trees, before laying their eggs, they may be destroyed without much labor. In either case, the mixture may be applied much stronger than when it comes in contact with the foliage. Laying it on the trunk and branches of the tree, of the consistency of thick paint, destroys the brown scaly insect on the bark, and gives the tree a smooth, glossy, and healthy appearance.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

DAVID HAGGERSTON.

Watertown, June 19, 1841.

At this meeting the following business was also transacted.

On motion of Mr. S. Walker, it was voted, that the Society offer a premium of one hundred dollars for a successful mode of destroying the curculio, which has been so injurious to the plum tree. After this vote was passed, Mr. Haggerston stated that he was requested to place at the disposal of the Society the sum of one hundred dollars, from the hands of gentlemen interested in Horticulture, to be added to the amount of the premium offered by the Society, making the whole *two hundred dollars*, and it was voted that the whole subject should be under the charge of the Fruit Committee. It was then voted that the premiums offered by the Society, with the exception of gratuities, and those offered in connection with T. Lee, Esq., be confined to members of the Society.

The Committee appointed to procure a new plate for a diploma, made a verbal report that they had attended to that duty, and procured the engravings, of which they submitted a copy for the inspection of the members. The report was accepted, and the thanks of the Society were tendered to the Committee for the acceptable manner in which they had discharged their duty. They were requested to procure a sufficient number of impressions for the use of the Society.

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

“To study Nature was the task designed,  
And learn from her th'enlargement of the mind.

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Learn from her works whatever Truth admires.”

Another season has, in its course, brought the friends of Flora and Pomona together. They have exhibited and compared their various specimens of flowers and fruits; and notwithstanding the season has been unusually hot and dry, still the earth has yielded her increase, and our hall has been decorated with the things that delight the eye, and our tables loaded with fruits of the choicest kinds.

The hall of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society was opened to the public at noon on Wednesday Sept. 22d; and, although the Mechanics' Fair was drawing thousands to admire the works of *Art*, the hall was soon filled with visitors. It is with pleasure we record the fact, that the taste for fruits and the love of flowers are on the increase. The exhibition closed on Friday, at 9 o'clock p. m.; and though the weather was unfavorable, yet the room was filled with company, many of whom retired with reluctance—an evidence of the interest felt by the public in the science of horticulture.

With these few introductory remarks, we submit the following report:—

FLOWERS.

Our friends are aware that this is not the season, with the exception of the dahlia, for fine flowers; we shall therefore confine our report to a list of the names of the contributors, with a brief notice of such specimens as were new, rare, or of great beauty.

*Plants in Pots*—from the garden of J. P. Cushing, Esq. Watertown; by Messrs. Winship, Brighton; from the Botanic Garden, Cambridge, by W. E. Carter; from the Public Garden, Boston, by John Cadness; by S. Sweetser, Woburn; by J. T. Smith, Roxbury; by E. N. Perkins, Roxbury, and Messrs. P. Barnes, Thos. Willot and T. H. Felt, of Boston.

We noticed fine specimens of *Coryphara embraculifera*, and *C. taliera*, by Mr. Cushing; *Cactus senilis*, and *Banksia* sp.? by Mr. Carter; *Lisianthus Russellianus*, by Mr. Cadness; *Rhodochiton volubile*, from Mr. E. N. Perkins; *Brunsvigia falcata*, by Mr. Willot; and *Lagerstrœmia indica*, by the Messrs. Winship.

*Dahlias.* The display of dahlias was fine. The principal contributors were M. P. Wilder, Esq. president of the society; Messrs. D. McIntire, J. Stickney, Hovey & Co., J. J. Low, F. W. Macondry, Dutton, Winship, Haggerston, Cadness, McLennan, Carter, J. Breck & Co., Sweetser, Barnes, Sprague, Bacon, Vila, Ware, J. A. Kenrick, Wm. Kenrick, Ellery, and S. Walker.

In the collection of the president, and also in the stand of Mr. J. Stickney, we noticed *Pickwick*, a new and beautiful variety. It has often been said that there is much in a name; and while we pen this report, we have the original *Pickwick* before us, in our mind's eye, and imagine we hear him exclaim—

“ In light's ethereal beauty drest,  
Behold, behold the favored flower,  
Which Flora's high commands invest  
With ensigns of imperial power.”

We also noticed, in the collection of Mr. Wilder, charming specimens of *Primrose*, *Marshal Sout*, and *Wheeler's Maria*.

In the stand of Dr. McIntire, (who is one of the best and most successful cultivators of the dahlia in the country,) we found beautiful specimens of *Eva*, *Marshal Sout*, and *Ne Plus Ultra*.

In addition to a fine specimen of *Pickwick*, we also noticed extra fine flowers of *Argo* and *Miss Johnson*, by Mr. J. Stickney; *Ne Plus Ultra*, by Mr. David Haggerston; *Duchess of Richmond* and *Eva*, by Mr. Low; *Charles XII.* and *Fireball*, by Mr. Dutton; *Fireball*, by Mr. Bacon, and *Fireball extra*, by Mr. Sprague; *Frances*, by Mr. P. Barnes; *Lady Bathurst*, by Mr. S. Sweetser; *Ne Plus Ultra*, and *Hero of Tippecanoe*, by Hovey and Co.; *Virgin Queen*, by Messrs. Winship; *Duchess of Kent*, by Capt. F. W. Macondry; *Unique* and *Marshal Sout*, by Mr. W. E. Carter; *Constantia* and *Egyptian Prince*, by Mr. Cadness; *Reliance*, by Mr. Vila; *Hope*, by P. Ware; *Glory of Plymouth* and *Royal Standard*, by S. Walker.

*Bouquets*—by Messrs. Ellery, J. Breck and Co. Warren, Winship, Wales, Haggerston, Wm. Kenrick, Cadness, Carter, Sweetser, John A. Kenrick and S. Walker.

*Cut Flowers*—from the gardens of Messrs. Wm. Kenrick, J. Breck & Co. Low, Hovey & Co. Jno. A. Kenrick, A. H. Hovey, McLennan, Haggerston, Ellery, N. P. Kleinstrop, Sweetser, Ware, Macondry, Winship, Wales, Warren, Cadness and Walker.

Mrs. Bigelow, of Medford, presented some very fine specimens of cut flowers, among which we noticed some lilacs. Hon Joseph H. Cabot, of Salem, sent us a fine specimen of *Lychnis bungeana*; and though last not least in our estimation, some fine specimens of *Viola grandiflora* were presented by the Messrs. Hovey & Co.

#### FRUITS.

The number of varieties, and the quality of the fruit exhibited on the present occasion, far exceeded that of any previous year. There were upwards of 120 varieties of the pear from Mr. Robt. Manning, of Salem; more than forty varieties from M. P. Wilder, Esq., president of the society; and about the same number from the garden of J. P. Cushing, Esq. of Watertown; also very liberal contributions by Messrs. E. Vose, of Dorchester; B. V. French, of Braintree; S. Downer, of Dorchester; Otis Johnson, of Lynn; Geo. Brown, of Beverly; L. P. Grosevnor, of Pomfret, Conn.; C. Newhall, of Dorchester; J. Fisher, of Brookline; William Kenrick, of Newton; William Oliver, of Dorchester; J. L. L. F. Warren, of Brighton; Josiah Lovett, 2d, of Beverly; S. Pond, of Cambridgeport; Frederic Tudor, of Nahant, and others.

We would particularly notice the following, as being very superior specimens, viz: in Mr. Manning's large collection of Pears, the Flemish Beauty, Urbaniste, St. Michael's, Beurré gris, Alpha, King Edward, Andrews; Huguenot, Beurré Diel, Golden Beurré of Bilboa, Dix, Colmar of Autumn, and the following among many new varieties which have not before been exhibited: Comte de Lamy, Althorpe Crasanne, (large and handsome,) St. Germain (Van Mons,) Delight of Charles, (from Van Mons—fine,) Doyenne nouvelle, St. André Bon Louise royale, (from Van Mons—very handsome,) Foster's St. Michael, (raised in the State of Maine from seed of the old St. Michael's—large and beautiful, with very clear skin,) Bon Parent and Colmar of Autumn.

In the collection from the President of the Society, the Columbian, Urbaniste, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Gout morceau, Passe Colmar, Beurré Diel and Dix Pears.

From George Brown, Beverly; Jalousie, Brown Beurré, Seckel, Duchesse d'Angouleme and Beurré Diel Pears.

The specimens of Duchesse d'Angouleme Pears sent by Josiah Lovett, of Beverly, were the largest on the tables, and truly splendid.

In the collection from the garden of J. P. Cushing, Watertown, very large and beautiful Chaumontel, Brown Beurré, St. Germain, Beurré Rance, Cushing, and Duchesse d'Angouleme Pears, and very superior specimens of Black Hamburg, Muscat of Alexandria and Frontignac Grapes.

Very fine St. Michael Pears, from the garden of Mrs. Bigelow, Medford.

Bartlett Pears from A. D. Williams, Roxbury.

Excellent Sweetwater grapes, by S. R. Johnson, Charlestown.

Isabella Grapes, very large and fine, by J. L. Ferguson, New Bedford.

Bartlett, and Andrews Pears, from J. Fisher, Brookline.

The Seckel and Brocas Bergamot Pears, from Thomas Dowse, Cambridge, were of extraordinary size and beauty.

Napoleon, Beurré Diel and St. Michael Pears, from Cheever Newhall, very fine.

From S. Pond—Beurré Diel, (very large,) Duchesse d' Angouleme, Dix, Easter Beurré, Marie Louise and Urbaniste Pears; also Lombard, and Semiana or Blue Imperatrice Plums.

Porter Apples, by Aaron Hill.

Very large Peaches, from John Hill, West Cambridge.

Elrage Nectarines, from George Lee, were beautiful.

The collection of Apples by B. V. French, of Braintree, was very large, and the specimens remarkably handsome.

The Gravenstein, Hawthorndean, and Lady Haley's Nonsuch Apples, from E. Vose, were splendid specimens.

Beurré d' Aremberg, Green Sugar, Napoleon, Jalousie, St. Michael and Buffum Pears, in the collection of Otis Johnson, were superior.

Fine Napoleon, Rousselet d' Rheims, and Beurré Diel Pears, and beautiful Peaches, from J. L. L. F. Warren, of Brighton.

The Bartlett Pears by Samuel Phipps, Dorchester, were unrivalled.

A basket of Seedling Peaches, called the Martin Rareripe, contributed by S. Sweetser, were very large and rich.

Jaques' Rareripe Peaches, by E. Newberry, were superb specimens.

St. Michael Pears, by Charles Ford, Roxbury, were remarkably fair and large.

Grapes from William Pratt's garden, by Alex. McLennan, were rich and finely ripened.

The Brown Beurré Pears, contributed by Perrin May, Boston, would rank among the best specimens exhibited.

The following are the different varieties of fruit contributed:—

From Marshall P. Wilder, Dorchester, President of the Society:—  
*Pears*—Bleeker's Meadow; Louise Bonne de Jersey; Van Mons; Thompson; Welbeck; Rousselet d' Rheims; Pope's Quaker; Borgemeister of Bolwiller; Seckel; Duchesse d' Angouleme; Comprette of Van Mons; Bergamotte de Paques; Passe Colmar; Alpha; Buffum; Chaumontelli; Capiamont; Belmont; Bon Chrétien Fondante; Bartlett; Roi de Wirtemberg; Belle et Bonne; Catillac; Long Green; Gôt Morceau; Eas-

ter Beurré ; Belle Lucrative ; Beurré d' Aremberg ; Pound ; Monsieur le Curé ; Heathcote ; Urbaniste ; Prince's St. Germain ; Wilkinson ; Columbian ; Dix ; Verte longue d' Automne ; Cushing ; Rousse Lench ; Marie Louise ; Queen Catherine ; Culotte de Suisse ; Brown Beurré ; Beurré Diel.

*Apples*—Minister and Fall Harvey.

*Quinces*—Orange.

From Robert Manning, Salem : *Pears*—King Edward, Queen of the Low Countries, Bezi de la Motte, Marie Louise, Beurré gris, Urbaniste, Alpha, Beurré d' Amalis, Easter Beurré, Madotte, St. Ghislain, Bezi Chaumontel, Comte de Lamy, Reine de Poires, Monsieur le Curé, Napoleon, Genesee, Beurré Colmar of Autumn, Harvard, Comte de Michaux, Enfant des Prodiges, Belle et Bonne, Epine d' Eté, Cabot, Belle Lucrative, Van Assene, St. Andre, Great Citron of Bohemia, Pailleau, Calabash, Rousselette de Meester, St. Germain, (Van Mons), Beurré Bonnet, Beurré Bosc, Doyenne Blanc, Johonnet, Pope's Russet, Charles of Austria, Sieulle, Beurré Bronze, Dumortier, Dundas, Delight of Charles, Queen Caroline, Whitfield, Wredow, Parmenter, Gôut Morceau, Marquis, Henry IV., Wurtemberg, Black Pear of Worcester, Wilkinson, Styrian, McLaughlin, Winter Orange, Winter Nelis, Wilbur, Prince's St. Germain, Bon Parent, Fig Extra, Croft Castle, Petre, Beurré d' Angleterre, Niell, Bonne Louise Royale, Amandes double, Tillington, Beurré Duval, Passe Colmar, Jalousie de Fontenay de Vindry, Doyenne Nouvelle Bossouck, Beurré Diel, English Autumn Bergamot, French Autumn Bergamot, Cumberland, Green Pear of Yair, Beurré Van Marum, Surpasse Virgouleuse, Naumkeag, Long Green of Europe, Flemish Beauty, Bishop's Thumb, Duchesse d' Angoulême, Althorpe Crassane, Bartlett, Beurré d' Aremberg, Andrews, Duchess of Mars, Catillac, Clara, Uvedale's St. Germain, Buffum, Foster's St. Michael, Hooper's Bilboa, Long Green, Fulton, Dearbon of Van Mons, Dix, Bowdoin, Bergamotte de Paques, Bezi de Montigny, Josephine, Lewis, Green Sugar, Heathcote, Flenkil, Hericart, Bon Chrétien Fondante, Frangipane, Fondante (Van Mons), Echassarie, and eight new kinds from Van Mons—names unknown.

*Apples*—Crowningshield Sweet, Superb Sweet, Monstrous Pippin, R. I. Greening, Pigeonette, Danvers Winter Sweet, Victorious Reinette, Ossipee Cream, Pennock's Red Winter, Lyscom, Canadian Reinette, Ribstone Pippin, Yellow Bellflower, Murphy, New Red Crab, Boxford, Gravenstein, Rambour Franc, Maiden's Blush, Fall Pippin, Sam Young, Pound, Fall Harvey, Ortle Pippin, Ross Nonpareil.

By D. Haggerston, (from Mr. J. P. Cushing's, Watertown): *Grapes*—Black Hamburg, Morocco, Muscat of Alexandria, White Sweetwater, White Frontignac.

*Nectarines*—Violet, Duc de Filley, Downton, Brugnon, Red Roman.

*Peaches*—Royal Charlotte, Noblesse, Double Mountain, Royal George, White Magdalen, Gross Mignonne, Teton de Venus.

*Pears*—Bartlett, Andrews, Bon Chrétien, Monsieur le Curé, Verte longue, Sieulle, Beurré d' Aremberg, Chaumontel, Colmar Souverain, Beurré Rance, Beurré Blanc, Verte longue Panache, Duchesse d' Angouleme, Fortunee, Beurré d' Angleterre, Bezi Vaet, Bergamot Caditte, Beurré d' Amalis, Poir d'Hiver, Beurré d'Hiver, Doyenné gris, Colmar, Colmar d' Eté, Beurré Diel, St. Germain, Napoleon, Brown Beurre, St. Michael, Beurré gris, Colmar Espineaux, Bezi de Montigny, Epine d'Ete, Belle et Bonne, Rousselette de Rheims, St. Germain panache, Beurré dore, Ne plus Meuris, Gansell's Bergamot.

By L. P. Grosvenor, Boston: *Pears*—Bartlett, Bon Chrétien, Bonne Louise, Urbaniste, Duchesse d' Angouleme, Chaumontel, St. Michael, Sylvanche Verte, Passe Colmar, St. Germain, Belle, Harvard.

*Peaches*—Seedlings, three kinds.

*Apples*—Chandler, Porter, Greening, Pearmain, Queen Anne, Lewis's Favorite, Black Gillyflower, Spitzenburg, Baldwin, Pippin, Peck's Pleasant, Hawthorndean, Nonesuch, Striped, Company, Benoni, Black.

By S. G. Whiting, Dedham: *Pears*—St Michael, Whiting.

By H. H. Crapo, New Bedford: *Grapes*—Sweetwater.

By J. L. Ferguson, New Bedford: *Grapes*—Isabella.

By S. Pond, Cambridgeport: *Pears*—Duchesse d' Angouleme, Marie Louise, Beurré Diel, Andrews, Bartlett, Cushing, Burnet, Urbaniste, Dix, Easter Beurré, Julienne, Wilbur, St. Ghislain.

*Plums*—Lombard, Semiana, Corses, Coolidge.

By C. Ford, Roxbury: *Pears*—two baskets of St. Michael, 1 do of Seckel.

By Thomas Dowse, Cambridgeport: *Pears*—Seckel and Broca's Bergamot.

By Stephen W. Jackson, Boston: *Quinces*—Orange.

By J. T. Wheelwright, Newton: *Apples*—Washington, Greenings.

*Pears*—Bartlett, Chaumontel.

By B. D. Whitney, Northboro': *Apples*—Quince, Red, Herefordshire, Red Streak, Blue Pearmain, Pumpkin Sweet, Cathead, Sumner Pearmain, Red Hamburg.

*Pears*—Beurré Bosc, Harvard.

By Rev. Mr. Allen, Northboro': *Apples*—name unknown.

By Cheever Newhall, Dorchester: *Pears*—St. Michael, Pound, Beurré, Rance, Beurré Diel, Bartlett, Napoleon, Surpasse Virgouleuse, Wilkinson, Chaumontel.

*Apples*—Gravenstein, Williams's Favorite, Pippin.

From S. Downer, Dorchester: *Pears*—Dix, King of Wurtemberg, Diel, Urbaniste, Fulton, Marie Louise, D'Aremberg, Wilkinson, Monsieur John.

*Apples*—Esopus Spitzenburg, Show, Horn, or Ramshorn, Pumpkin Sweet.

From J. F. Pierce, Dorchester : *Apples*—Squash.

*Pears*—St. Michael.

From Wm. Oliver, Dorchester : *Peaches*—President.

*Pears*—Duchesse d' Angouleme, Seckel, St. Michael, Urbaniste, Capiamont, Broca, Bergamot.

From George Brown, Beverly : *Pears*—Bartlett, Seckel, Brown Beurré, Jalousie, Prince's St. Germain, Urbaniste, Easter Beurré, St. Michael, La Vanstalle or Princesse d' Orange, two French, names unknown.

*Apples*—Drap d'Or, Spitzenburg, Baldwin, Pomme d'Api, Cresy, Sweeting, Pickman Pippin, Siberian Crab, Blue Pearmain.

*Peaches*—White Malacatune.

*Nectarines*—Harrison.

From Wm. Stearns, Salem : *Pears*—Tarbel, Chelmsford, Endicott.

From Josiah Lovett, 2d, Beverly : *Pears*—Duchesse d' Angouleme, Beurré Diel, Bartlett, D'Aremberg, Seckel, Bezi de la Motte, Frederic of Wurtemberg.

*Apples*—Baldwin, Drap d'Or, Kilham Hill.

From William McIntosh, West Roxbury : *Apples*—Pompkin Sweeting, Roxbury Russet, Fall Russet, Snow Russet, St. Petersburg.

*Pears*—Four kinds, unknown.

From George Pierce, West Cambridge : *Peaches*—Willow, Royal George.

From Wm. Kenrick, Newton : *Pears*—Beurré d'Aremberg, Easter Beurré, Capiamont, Gôut Morceau, or Beurré d'Aremberg of France, Duchesse d' Angouleme, Fulton, Catillac, Dr. Hunt's Connecticut, Passe Colmar.

*Peaches*—Malta or Belle de Paris, Catherine, Old Mixon, Vineuse, Tardif, Pavie Abricote.

From E. M. Richards, Dedham : *Apples*—Lyscom, Fall Sopsavine, Fall Pippin, Seek-no-farther, Codlin.

From Otis Johnson, Lynn : *Pears*—Buffum, Princesse d'Orange, Borgemeister, Catillac, Pound, D'Aremberg, Summer Thorn, Roi de Wurtemberg, Easter Beurré, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Passe Colmar, Bleeker's Meadow, Napoleon, Washington, Bonne Louise de Jersey, Green Sugar, St. Michael, Jalousie, Hericart, Bartlett, Admiral, Culotte de Suisse, Long Green of Autumn, three kinds, name unknown.

From Kendall Bailey, Charlestown : *Grapes*—White Sweetwater, Isabella, Bed Chasselas.

From J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton : *Apples*—Gloria Mundi, Porter, Greening, Golden Russet, River, Lady, Baldwin.

*Pears*—Napoleon, Urbaniste, Seckel, Rousselette de Rheims, Julienne, Brown Beurré, Maria Louise.

*Peaches*—Red and Yellow Rareripe, Teton de Venus, Red Magdalen, Petite Magdalen, Petite France, Lemon Rareripe, Late Royal George, Yellow Malacatune, Kenrick's Heath.

From John Hawkins, Baltimore : *Apples*.

From Messrs. Winship, Brighton—Shephardia, or Buffalo berry, Physalis Peruviana, three kinds, a new fruit from Calcutta, South America and the State of Michigan.

From Francis R. Bigelow, Medford : *Grapes*—Isabella.

*Apples*—Rambour Franc, Monstrous Pippin, Red and Green Sweet.

*Pears*—Spanish Good Christian, St. Michael.

From Benjamin V. French, Braintree : *Pears*—Floreille, Beurré Romain, Jaminette, Long Green, Louise Bonne, Beurré Van Mons, Buffum, Beurré gris, five kinds unknown.

*Apples*—Dutch Codlin, Canada Reinette, Yellow Bellflower, Jericho, Monstrous Pippin, Ruggles, Moore's Red Winter, French's Sweet, Gardiner's Striped, Gardiner's Sweet, 6 varieties, names unknown.

From A. D. Williams, Roxbury : *Apples*—Porter, Ramshorn, Lady, Gravenstein.

*Pears*—Bartlett, a kind unknown.

*Grapes*—Black Hamburg.

From Dr. Burnet, Southboro' : *Pears*—Kenrick of Van Mons, Burnet, Henrietta of Van Mons.

*Apples*—Seedling.

From Walter Cornel, Milton, by Joseph Arnold, jr., *Grapes*—Black Hamburg.

From John Hovey, Roxbury : *Grapes*—Sweetwater (open culture).

*Peaches*—Red Rareripe.

*Apples*—Pumpkin Sweet.

*Pears*—name unknown.

From S. Sweetser, Woburn : *Peaches*—Martin's Rareripe.

From Samuel Walker, Roxbury : *Pears*—Capsheaf, Bartlett, Fondante Bergamotte of Van Mons, kind, name unknown.

From Elijah Vose, Dorchester : *Pears*—Napoleon, Marie Louise, Urbaniste, Duchesse d'Angouleme, Buffum, Dix, Bezi de la Motte, Long Green, Warden, Cushing, Pope's Quaker, Roi de Wirtemberg.

*Apples*—Gravenstein, Boxford, Summer Pearmain, Hawthorndean, Lady Haley's Nonsuch, Large Red Sweeting.

From N. N. Dyer, Abington : *Apples*—Hightop Sweeting, two Seedlings.

From Dana Dowse, Brighton : *Apples*—Monstrous Pippin.

From George Lee, West Cambridge : *Apples*—Ribstone Pippins, Swan's Sweeting.

*Pears*—unknown.

*Nectarines*—Elruge.

*Grapes*—Native Perry.

From J. Fisher, Brookline: *Pears*—Bartlett, Seckel, St. Michael, Andrews, Wilkinson, Roi de Wirtemberg, Passe Colmar, one unknown.

From Nathaniel Clapp, Dorchester: *Pears*—Bartlett, Broca's Bergamot.

*Peaches*—Seedling, Clingstones.

From Edward Winslow, Roxbury: *Pears*—Roi de Wirtemberg.

*Peach*—Malacatune.

From D. K. Wilder, Lancaster, by Mr. Carter, Boston: *Apple*, known as the Graft—large and handsome.

From S. R. Johnson, Charlestown: *Grapes*—White Chasselas—open culture.

From P. P. Spaulding, Chelmsford: *Pears*—St. Michael, unknown (French).

From James Vila, Lexington: *Grapes*—Black Hamburg.

From Hovey & Co., Boston: *Pears*—Long Green, Autumn.

By Alexander McLennan, from Mr. Pratt's, Watertown: *Grapes*—Black Hamburg, St. Peters, Royal Muscadine, Sweetwater.

*Pears*—Bartlett.

From William Hurd, Newton: *Pears*—Bartlett.

*Apples*—Fall Harvey, Cathead.

From Stephen Faunce, jr., Roxbury: *Grapes*—White Chasselas and Black Hamburg—both open culture.

*Peaches*—Seedling—fine.

From John A. Kenrick, Newton: *Peaches*—Spring Grove, Van Zandt Superb.

*Apples*—Baldwin, Hightop Sweeting, Hubbardston Nonesuch.

From Samuel Phipps, Dorchester: *Pears*—Bartlett, of great size and beauty.

From Frederic Tudor, Nahant: *Peaches*—Winship's.

*Pears*—Bezi Vaet, Wilkinson, Beurré Rance, Napoleon, Brown Beurré, Bleeker's Meadow.

From John Hill, West Cambridge: *Peaches*—Lemon Rareripes, of delicious flavor.

From Amos Hill, West Cambridge: *Apples*—Porter.

From Edward Newberry, Brookline: *Peaches*—a large basket of Jacqué's Yellow.

From N. D. Chase, Lynn: *Peaches*—Crawford's Early.

#### VEGETABLES.

From M. P. Wilder, Dorchester—White Altringham Carrots.

From S. Downer, Dorchester—Missouri Marrow Squash.

From William McIntosh, Roxbury—Chenango Potatoes.

- From S. Sweetser, Woburn—Tomatoes.  
 From Elijah Vose, Dorchester—Lima Beans.  
 From Francis R. Bigelow, Medford—Cherry Tomatoes.  
 From J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton—White Altringham, Carrots, Sugar Beet, Yellow, Crimson and Scarlet Tomatoes.  
 From Mr. Everett, Wrentham—Peach Tomatoes.  
 From Otis Johnson, Lynn—Parsnips and Carrots.  
 From Marshal Wyman, Woburn—Tomatoes.  
 From Josiah Lovett, 2d, Beverly—Beets, Carrots, &c., a great variety.  
 From A. D. Williams, Roxbury—Squashes, Beets, Carrots, Purple Egg Plants.  
 From John Hovey, Roxbury—Tomatoes.

Per order,

S. WALKER, *Chairman.*

## REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES AWARDING PREMIUMS FOR 1841.

### FLOWER COMMITTEE.

The Committee, having duly attended to the duty of making an award of Premiums for 1841, report as follows:—

<i>Pæonies</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium to W. E. Carter, of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display of do., a premium to W. Kenrick, of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Roses</i> —For the best fifty blooms, a premium to John A. Kenrick, of . . . . .	8 00
For the second best do., a premium to Messrs. Winship, of . . . . .	5 00
For the third best do., a premium to S. R. Johnson, of . . . . .	3 00
For the best display of Chinese and other tender Roses, to S. R. Johnson, of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pinks</i> —For the best display of Pinks, a premium to William Meller, of . . . . .	5 00
For the best seedling, to S. Walker, . . . . .	3 00
For the best six blooms, to S. Walker, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Carnations</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium to John Hovey, of . . . . .	5 00
For the best six blooms, to S. Walker, . . . . .	3 00

<i>Balsams</i> —For the best display during the season, to S. R. Johnson, . . . . .	3 00
<i>German Asters</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium to Hovey & Co., of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Perennial Plants</i> —For the best display during the season, to Messrs. Winship, of . . . . .	3 00

## GRATUITIES.

To W. J. Cadness, of the Public Garden, for a fine specimen of <i>Lesianthus Russellianus</i> , . . . . .	3 00
To Joseph Breck & Co., for fine specimens of seedling Pinks, Picotees, &c., . . . . .	3 00
To Samuel Walker, for a fine display of twelve blooms of the Tulip, . . . . .	3 00
To Hovey & Co., for fine specimens of seedling Pansies, . . . . .	3 00
To W. Meller, for a display of fine Geraniums, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
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	\$74 00
Amount in the hands of the Treasurer for Dahlias, . . . . .	64 00
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	\$138 00

The Committee have not, it will be perceived, made any award of premiums for Dahlias, in their report. The Dahlia exhibition took place so late in the season, that it was impossible to show them in the perfection which they ordinarily attain. Just before the day arrived, a severe storm of wind and rain almost entirely destroyed the plants. But as the exhibition day had been set, the Dahlia growers exhibited their blooms agreeably to the rules of the Society. Judges were appointed, and the awards were duly made. The exhibitors held a meeting, and by their unanimous consent, the whole amount awarded was allowed to remain in the hands of the Treasurer of the Society, to be added to the premiums of the year 1842. Should this not meet the hearty concurrence of the Executive Committee, the several exhibitors will call for the premiums awarded them by the judges on the day of the exhibition.

The Committee would take this occasion, were it not for extending their report to too great length, to make mention of many plants and flowers exhibited by various individuals for which premiums were not specified. They would not however, omit to take honorable notice of the fine collections of *Roses* and *Dahlias*, exhibited by the President of the Society, which contributed much to the beauty of the several exhibitions at which they were shown: nor of the contributions of native plants, by B. E. Cotting, which have been objects of considerable interest.

The Committee trust that the Society will bestow an increased amount for premiums the present year, and they look forward to a series of more splendid exhibitions than has ever yet been made at the Society's room.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. HOVEY, *Chairman.*

#### FRUIT COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Fruits award the following Premiums for 1841 :—

<i>Apples</i> —For the best Summer Apples, to Cheever Newhall, of Dorchester, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Fall Apples, to Benj. V. French, of Braintree,	5 00
For the best Winter Apples, to Lemuel P. Grosvenor, from his orchard in Pomfret, Ct., . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pears</i> —For the best Summer Pears, to Robert Manning, Salem,	5 00
For the best Fall Pears, to Elijah Vose, Dorchester, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Winter Pears to Marshal P. Wilder, Dorchester,	5 00
<i>Cherries</i> —For the best Cherries to George Walsh, Charlestown,	5 00
For the next best Cherries to John A. Kenrick, Newton, . . . . .	4 00
<i>Peaches</i> —For the best Peaches, open culture, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best, open culture, to John Hill, West Cam- bridge, . . . . .	4 00
For the best Peaches grown under glass, to J. F. Allen, Salem,	5 00
<i>Plums</i> —For the best Plums, to Samuel Pond, Cambridgeport,	5 00
For the next best, to William Thomas, of Boston, (seedling)	4 00
<i>Apricots</i> —For the best Apricots, to M. P. Wilder, Dorchester,	5 00
<i>Nectarines</i> —For the best Nectarines, to D. Haggerston Water- town, . . . . .	5 00
<i>Gooseberries</i> —For the best Gooseberries, to J. Hovey, Roxbury,	5 00
<i>Strawberries</i> —For the best Strawberries, to Messrs. Hovey, & Co., Boston, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, . . . . .	4 00
<i>Currants</i> —For the best Currants, to A. D. Williams, Roxbury,	3 00
<i>Melons</i> —For the best Water Melons, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, . . . . .	3 00
For the best Musk Melons, to J. Lovett, Beverly,	3 00
<i>Raspberries</i> —For the best Raspberries, to Messrs Hovey & Co., Boston, . . . . .	5 00
<i>Grapes</i> —For the best Foreign Grapes, grown under glass, to David Haggerston, Watertown, . . . . .	10 00

For the best open culture of Foreign Grapes, to S. R. Johnson, Charlestown, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Native Grapes, open culture, to J. L. L. F. Warren, Brighton, . . . . .	5 00

## GRATUITIES.

Gratuities awarded, are as follows :—

To George Lee, of West Cambridge, for a fine specimen of Peaches grown in pots, . . . . .	3 00
To Otis Johnson, of Lynn, for fine specimens of Grapes, grown under glass, . . . . .	3 00
To J. Lovett, 2d, of Beverly, for a fine exhibition of Pears, . . . . .	3 00
To Alexander McLennan, of Watertown, for a fine display of Foreign Grapes, . . . . .	3 00
To S. Sweetser, for his exhibition of large Martin's Rareripe Peaches, . . . . .	3 00
To George Brown, of Beverly, for a choice exhibition of Pears, . . . . .	3 00
To George Walsh, of Charlestown, for large, handsome Peaches, . . . . .	3 00
To S. Phipps, of Dorchester, for extraordinary large Bartlett Pears, . . . . .	3 00
To ——— Ferguson, of New Bedford, for choice Native Grapes, . . . . .	3 00
To Samuel Pond, of Cambridgeport, for his exhibition of Cushing Pears, . . . . .	3 00
	\$150 00

Making in all, one hundred and fifty dollars, being the whole amount offered for premiums for 1841. The Committee were of opinion, that the Wells premium should be continued for another year, as no applicant was deemed entitled to it agreeably to the conditions of the notice given June 19, 1841.

BENJAMIN V. FRENCH, *Chairman.*

## VEGETABLE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Vegetables, having attended to the duty of awarding premiums for the year 1841, report as follows:—

<i>Asparagus</i> —For the best Asparagus, a premium to Samuel Walker, of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Lima Beans</i> —For the best Lima Beans, a premium to E. Vose, of	3 00
<i>Celery</i> —For the best Celery, a premium to S. C. Mann, of . . . . .	4 00
<i>Early Cucumbers</i> —For the best Cucumbers, a premium to Hovey & Co., of . . . . .	5 00
<i>Rhubarb</i> —For the best Rhubarb, a premium to S. Walker, of	5 00
<i>Squashes</i> —For the best Squashes, a premium to A. D. Williams, of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Brussels Sprouts</i> —For the best Brussels Sprouts, a premium to John Prince, of . . . . .	3 00
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	\$28 00

For a number of articles on which premiums were offered, there were no competitors; and the committee would respectfully recommend the following gratuities, for several fine specimens of vegetables which were not included in the list of premiums offered by the Society, but for which the committee are of opinion that the exhibitors deserve something more than a notice in the Society's weekly reports.

To the President of the Society, M. P. Wilder, for very large White Carrots, . . . . .	3 00
To J. Lovett, 2d, for very fine specimens of Beets and Carrots,	3 00
To Alexander McLennan, for an extra large squash, weighing about 100 pounds, . . . . .	3 00
To F. R. Bigelow, for several new varieties of the Tomato,	3 00
To J. L. L. F. Warren, for fine large asparagus, . . . . .	2 00
To John Hovey, for extra large Tomatoes, . . . . .	2 00
To Marshal Tidd, for very early and fine shelled Beans, . . . . .	2 00
To W. McIntosh, for a bushel of very large and handsome Chenango Potatoes, exhibited at the annual exhibition,	2 00
To Otis Johnson, for a great variety of fine vegetables exhibited at the annual exhibition, . . . . .	2 00
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	\$22 00

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL POND, *Chairman.*

## LIST OF PREMIUMS OFFERED FOR 1842.

## FLOWER COMMITTEE.

<i>Tulips</i> —For the best display of fine blooms, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display of fine blooms, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Geraniums</i> —For the best twelve plants in bloom—variety of the kind, and shape and vigor of the plants to be considered— a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best twelve plants, with the same considerations, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Pæonies</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Pansies</i> —For the best display of fine varieties, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best six varieties, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
For the best seedling, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
<i>Roses</i> —in classes :—	

CLASS I.—*Hardy kinds.*

For the best fifty dissimilar blooms, a premium of . . . . .	10 00
For the second best fifty dissimilar blooms, . . . . .	8 00
For the third best fifty dissimilar blooms, . . . . .	5 00

CLASS II.—*Bourbon, Chinese, Tea and Noisettes.*

For the best display of flowers, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display of flowers, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
<i>Pinks</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the best six varieties, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best seedling, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
<i>Carnations</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium of . . . . .	5 00
For the second best display, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the best seedling, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
<i>Balsams</i> —For the best display of flowers, . . . . .	3 00
For the second best display of flowers, . . . . .	2 00
<i>German Asters</i> —For the best display of flowers, a premium of . . . . .	3 00
For the second best display, a premium of . . . . .	2 00
<i>Dahlias</i> —In the following divisions and classes :—	

## DIVISION A

*Open to all Cultivators.*

PREMIER PRIZE—For the best twelve dissimilar blooms, . . . . .	18 00
<i>Specimen Bloom</i> —For the best bloom, . . . . .	7 00
For the second best bloom, . . . . .	4 00

## DIVISION B.

*Open to all Cultivators of more than Two Hundred Plants.*

## CLASS I.

For the best twenty-four dissimilar blooms, . . . .	12 00
For the second best twenty-four dissimilar blooms, . . . .	7 00

## CLASS II.

For the best twelve dissimilar blooms, . . . .	10 00
For the second best twelve dissimilar blooms, . . . .	5 00

## CLASS III.

For the best six dissimilar blooms, . . . .	8 00
For the second best six dissimilar blooms, . . . .	4 00

## DIVISION C.

*Open to all Cultivators of less than Two Hundred Plants.*

## CLASS I.

For the best twenty-four dissimilar blooms, . . . .	12 00
For the second best twenty-four dissimilar blooms, . . . .	7 00

## CLASS II.

For the best twelve dissimilar blooms, . . . .	10 00
For the second best twelve dissimilar blooms, . . . .	5 00

## CLASS III.

For the best six dissimilar blooms, . . . .	8 00
For the second best six dissimilar blooms. . . .	4 00

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 \$213 00

The amount voted by the Society for the year 1842, is one hundred and fifty dollars: to this has been added \$64 00, being the amount set aside for the award of the Dahlias for 1841, as stated in the report of the committee, awarding premiums for that year. The sum of \$64 00 has been wholly added to the premiums offered for dahlias, in accordance with the wishes of the cultivators of that flower, who were the competitors for the premiums, for 1841, and who relinquished their claims to the prizes awarded, on this condition.

The Committee believe that the arrangement which has been made in regard to the Dahlias, will meet the views of every cultivator of flowers. It is well known that the Society's autumnal shows would be meagre, and quite unattractive, to what they are at present, were it not for the exhibition of the Dahlia: there is no individual flower which contributes so much to the beauty and splendor of the room: appreciated alike by all, its brilliant colors and perfect form command the admiration of those who would scarce bestow a glance upon some more humble, but equally as deserving a flower.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. HOVEY, *Chairman.*

The following rules and regulations will be observed in regard to the dahlia show:—

1. All growers who intend to exhibit, shall signify their intention to the Chairman of the Committee on Flowers, and in which class or classes, at least one week before the day set for the exhibition.

2. Any persons may enter for the prizes of any of the classes, in either of the divisions to which they are eligible, but they cannot take more than one prize in division B. or C.

3. Each competitor will be required to declare that every flower exhibited by him is of his own growth, or has been grown under his care.

4. The judges for awarding the prizes in division B., shall be selected from such cultivators or connoisseurs as are not competitors in that division; and the same rule shall be observed in selecting judges for division C.

5. The judges shall be appointed by a majority of the exhibitors, whose decision shall be final, and to be chosen at the Society's room, on the first Saturday in September, at twelve o'clock, noon. Notice of this meeting to be given by the Chairman of the Flower Committee to such persons as have signified their intentions of competing for the premiums.

6. Each competitor shall give to the Chairman of the Flower Committee a list of the names of the flowers he exhibits, sealed up, and signed with his name.

7. The blooms shall be shown in bottles, provided by the Society, without foliage, or any other embellishment.

8. No seedling, not sold out, will be allowed to be placed in either of the divisions or classes, except the seedling class; nor must any stand contain two blooms of the same variety.

9. The judges shall sign their award with a declaration upon their honor, that, to the best of their knowledge, they have decided upon the respective merits of the flowers exhibited.

## FRUIT COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Fruits recommend the following premiums to be awarded for the ensuing year:—

<i>Apples</i> —For the best Summer Apples, to be exhibited previous to the 1st September, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Fall Apples, to be exhibited previous to the 1st December, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Winter Apples, to be exhibited after Dec. 1st, . . . . .	5 00
<i>Pears</i> —For the best Summer Pears, to be exhibited previous to Sept. 1st, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Fall Pears, to be exhibited previous to Dec. 1st, . . . . .	5 00
For the best Winter Pears, to be exhibited after Dec. 1st, . . . . .	5 00
<i>Cherries</i> —For the best specimen of Cherries, . . . . .	4 00
For the next best do., . . . . .	2 00
<i>Peaches</i> —For the best exhibition of Peaches, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best do. do., . . . . .	3 00
For the best Peaches grown under glass, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best do. do., . . . . .	3 00
<i>Grapes</i> —For the best Foreign Grapes grown under glass, exhibited before July 1, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best do. do. do., . . . . .	3 00
For the best grown under glass and exhibited after July 1, . . . . .	5 00
For the best grown in open culture (Foreign), . . . . .	5 00
For the best Native Grapes, open culture, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Apricots</i> —For the best specimen of Apricots, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best Apricots, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Nectarines</i> —For the best specimen of Nectarines, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Quinces</i> —For the best specimen of Quinces, . . . . .	2 00
<i>Plums</i> —For the best specimen of Plums, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best do., . . . . .	3 00
<i>Gooseberries</i> —For the best exhibition of Gooseberries, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Strawberries</i> —For the best exhibition of Strawberries, . . . . .	5 00
For the next best, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Currants</i> —For the best specimen of Currants, . . . . .	3 00
For the next best, . . . . .	2 00
<i>Raspberries</i> —For the best specimen of Raspberries, . . . . .	4 00
For the next best, . . . . .	2 00
<i>Mulberries</i> —For the best exhibition of Mulberries, . . . . .	3 00
<i>Water Melons</i> —For the best exhibition of Water Melons, . . . . .	3 00
For the best green-fleshed Melons, . . . . .	3 00
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	\$125 00
To be awarded in gratuities, twenty-five dollars, . . . . .	25 00
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	\$150 00

## WELLS PREMIUM.

The Committee also offer the Wells premiums for Apples, the produce of seedling trees, which have been brought into notice since 1829 :—

For the best Summer Apples, not less than one dozen, a prem. of	\$25 00
For the best Fall or Autumn Apples, a premium of	25 00
For the best Winter Apples, a premium of	25 00

Premiums to be awarded to the members of the Society only ; and where the claims are not of sufficient merit, no premium will be awarded. This will be strictly adhered to, particularly in regard to the Wells premiums, where no premium will be awarded but in full evidence of its superiority.

BENJAMIN V. FRENCH, *Chairman.*

## VEGETABLE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Vegetables recommend the following Premiums to be offered the ensuing year:—

<i>Asparagus</i> —For Asparagus, the earliest and largest four bunches, a premium of	3 00
<i>Rhubarb</i> —The largest and best, previous to the first Saturday in July, twelve stalks,	3 00
<i>Peas</i> —The earliest and best peck in June,	4 00
<i>Lettuce</i> —The finest six heads, of open culture, previous to the first Saturday in July,	2 00
<i>Potatoes</i> —The best peck previous to first Saturday in August,	3 00
<i>Cucumbers</i> —The best pair grown under glass, previous to the first Saturday in June,	4 00
The best and earliest, of open culture,	2 00
<i>Beans</i> —The earliest Large Lima, two quarts,	3 00
The earliest Dwarf, two quarts,	2 00
<i>Cauliflowers</i> —The best and largest four heads,	3 00
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