

1853. Feb 7. a general Meeting of the Society was held in the Parish School room this Evening. The Secretary read over the proceedings of the past year with a statement of the income & expenditure which was agreed to - Mr Jeffery was elected chairman - and delivered the Medals & prizes to the successful competitors - The Silver Medal given by Mr Peter Lawson & Son Edinburgh. for the neatest & Best Cultivated Garden. was gained by Mr Alex^r Nisbet. But as the Medal could not conveniently be got ready. He was in its stead presented with a Book on Horticulture value 10/6

The Meeting then elected office bearers for the current year
 President - W M Davidson Esq - Vice Pres. Mr Hewitt - Mr Welsh Treasurer
 Secretary Mr Jeffery - Committee. Messrs. Mr Donald
 Nisbet. Calver. Wood. Henderson. Grey. R Bell -

Summer Meeting to be on Tuesday July 26

all articles for competition must be in the room before 7 o'clock P.M. when prizes will be awarded

For the best 12 Pods of Pease	For the best Cabbage
12 Pods of Beans	Cauliflower
3 Carrots	Stalk of Rhubarb
3 Turnips	6 Heaviest early Potatoes

The Silver Medals given by the Marchioness of Tweeddale & Lady Jane Hay will be awarded to the three members who gain the greatest number of prizes at the Exhibition

a Prize will be given by Mr Ravenscroft, for the best Bouquet of Flowers
 Mr Jeffery will give a prize to the girl and one to the Boy -
 for the best Nosegay of wild Flowers, gathered by their own hand.

Winter Meeting Nov^r 15.

all articles for competition must be in the room. before 5 o'clock

Best 3 Leeks	For the best Brussels Sprout
6 Onions	3 Carrots
Savoy	Heaviest Cabbage
Green	Heaviest 6 Potatoes. exclusive of Yams
Cabbage - Early variety.	and six Nobles
	Cauliflower -

Messrs Peter Lawson & Son will also give a prize for the best 6 Leeks. Competitors must lodge with their specimens a detailed account of the mode of culture - state of sowing, particular manure used - and description of soil

Annual Dinner

Members & their Friends will dine in the Tweeddale Arms Inn. after the Fudges have awarded the prizes at the Winter Meeting

1853 July 12 a Meeting of Committee was held in Mr Coleys this evening when it was agreed to ask Mr Mitchell of Amisfield Mr King - Eaglecraigs & Balfour of Nunnau - to act as Judges at this summer meeting in 2. it was also agreed to appoint a person not a member to act as door keeper. and Messrs Nisbet and Henderson were appointed to assist the secretary in the business of the evening

Summer Competition, July 26. 1853.
The Summer Competition took place this day. there were 36 competitors - and showed 100 articles - the Judges were Messrs Mitchell - King - & Balfour. the following is their awards -

	First Prize	2 ^d Prize	3 ^d Prize
12 Pods of Pease	Mr James Craise	Mr John Welsh	Mr John Dodds
12 Do Beans	Mr Dodds	Mr Welsh	Mr William Lee
3 Carrots	Mr William Coley	Mr Robt Hewitt	Mr William Ogilvie
3 Turnips	Mr Ogilvie	Mr William Gray	Mr Hewitt
1 Cabbage	Mr Clapperton	Mr Peter Black	Mr Craise
1 Cauliflower	Mr Craise	Mr Peter Jeffrey	Mr Coley
1 stalk of Rhubarb	Mr Stevenson	Mr Craise	Mr Hewitt
6 heaviest Potatoes	Mr Alex ^r Nisbet	Mr Dodds	Mr Jeffrey
Boquet of Flowers	Miss Ogilvie	Miss Nisbet	Miss Bell
Boys Wild Flowers	Master W. Morrison	Master John Logan	Master Thos Dodds
Girls Wild Flowers	Miss Agnes Nisbet	Miss Jess Hewitt	Miss Emily Hewitt

Mr James Craise gained the first silver Medal
Mr Dodds the second and Mr Ogilvie the third.
Mr Ogilvie & Mr Coley being equal. agreed to cast lots, when it fell to Mr Ogilvie. consequently Mr Ogilvie the 3^d Medal

1853 October 27. at a meeting of committee held in Mr Coley's this evening it was agreed to ask Messrs King of Eagle Carmie - Mitchell of Annisfield - and Pintard of Whitingame to act as Judges at the winter meeting - and to appoint a Person - not a member to act as door keeper - Mr Coley agreed to give a dinner at 1/6 each which was agreed to -

Winter Competition Nov^r 17. 1853

The winter competition was held this day, there were 28 competitors. which brought forward 101 articles, the

Judges, were Messrs Allan, Mitchell, & King. The following is their awards -

	^{1st Prize}	^{2^d Prize}	^{3^d Prize}
Best 3 Leeks	Mr John Dodds	Mr Wm Coley	Mr John Stenhouse
6 onions	Mr R Marshall	Mr James Craise	Mr Selkirk
1 Savoy	Mr P Henderson	Mr R Marshall	Mr Wm Lees
1 Green	Mr J Wood	Mr P Henderson	Mr Wm Ogilvie
Early Cabbage	Mr Alex Nisbet	Mr John Welsh	Mr R Marshall
Brussels Sprout	Mr Clapherton	Mr Peter Jeffrey	Mr R Bolton
3 Carrots	Mr Dodds	Mr Coley	Mr A Richardson
Heaviest Cabbage	Mr Peter Logan	Mr Peter Black	Mr Marshall
8 ^o 6 Potatoes	Mr A Richardson	Mr Dodds	Mr Craise
1 Cauliflower	Mr Craise	Mr James Wilson	Mr Jeffrey
Mr Lawson's 6 Leeks	Mr Dodds	Mr Black	Mr Nisbet

Mr Dodds, 1st Medal, Mr R Marshall 2^d, Mr Craise 3^d

Dec^r 15 a committee meeting was held this Evening in Mr Craise's - Present, Messrs Hewitt, Nisbet, Jeffrey, Welsh, and Coley - The Secretary was instructed to procure medals - and to call a general meeting when they came - the committee agreed to the following disposal of

over -

The funds amongst the successful competitors

Income for the Year 1853	£	s	d
48 members subscription at 6 each	1	4	"
Marquis of Marchioness of Lonsdale	1	10	"
Mr Davidson	"	5	"
	2	19	"

Expenditure — For Judges at Summer Show	0	3	3
To James Wallace as Doorkeeper	2	6	
Dinner etc for Judges at Winter Show	0	6	0
Summer Prizes — First Silver Medal	0	7	0
2 ^d Do Do	0	5	0
3 ^d Do Do	0	4	0
Winter Prizes — First Silver Medal	0	10	0
2 ^d Do Do	0	6	0
3 ^d Do Do	0	4	0
10 First Prizes at 6	0	5	0
13 2 ^d Do — 4	0	4	4
11 3 ^d Do — 2	0	1	10
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Leaves a Balance in Treasurers Hand of 0 0 1

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