

1954

Minute of Committee meeting
held on Wednesday, 17th Feb at 7.30pm

Present

Mr D. Bell in the chair.
Full committee with exception of Mr & Mrs R. Craig.

Minute

The minute of Committee meeting held on
Tuesday 10th November was read and approved.

Business arising from the minute.

Mr Bell intimated that the matter of the
Constitution had been discussed at the A.C.M.,
the outcome being ^{that} it was to be scrapped.

The West Mills had been contacted with
regard to the black material for the staging
tables and they were willing to give it on
loan provided it was not cut.

Mr Bell also informed the Committee
that the trophies won by Mr J. McEwen &
Mr James Main had been duly inscribed.

Resignation

A letter from Mrs Richardson making her
resignation on account of illness had been
received by the Secretary who was asked
to reply and inform Mrs Richardson that
her resignation was received with regret
and express the Committee's hopes that
she would soon be restored to health.

Show Business

Mr Bell announced that Mr Murphy had
promised to present a trophy to the Society
which with Lady Tweeddale's trophy would
allow one for each section i.e.

John Yair Memorial trophy - Best exhibit in
Amateur section

Mr Murphy's trophy - Best exhibit in Cottagers section
Lady Tweeddale's trophy - Most points in Industrial
and Ladies' sections.

Mr Fortune proposed that we carry on
with the same schedule as last year. This was
agreed to so far as the Open, Amateurs & Cottagers'
Sections were concerned. The Ladies' Committee
amended the Ladies, Industrial & Children's
sections.

It was decided to increase the charge for
the hire of vases to 2d as a loan had been
increased last year.

Social
evenings

Arrangements were made for the forthcoming
Whist Drive and Country Dance, the catering
for both to be done by the Committee.

David Roll President
Margaret M. Armstrong Secy.

Minute of Committee meeting held
on Monday 23rd August

Present

Mr D. Bell in the chair.
Mrs Bell, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Currie, Mrs Laing, Miss Weddell
Miss Todrick, Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Armstrong
Messrs Fortune, Neilson, Inglis, Anderson, R. Carr Lockburn
Brick, Rowan & R. Craig.

Minute

The minute of Committee meeting held on 17th Feb.
was read and approved.

Business

Arising from the previous minute Mr Anderson
stated he was arranging to collect the black material

for the show tables on Wednesday.

Show Business It was decided to use white sheets for the tables in the Industrial Section.

Lady Tweeddale's trophy was passed round for inspection and a slight defect was noticed on the engraving. Mrs Fortune undertook to have it put right.

The duties for Show Day were arranged as follows:

Mr P. Rowan - Vice Steward

Doorkeepers - Mr Morgan, Mr Buick

Mr R. Carr, Mr J. Fortune

Mr R. Craig, Mr A. Anderson

Judge Attendants - Messrs Fortune, Carr, Rowan

Messrs R. Craig, Inglis, Anderson

Miss Todrick & Mrs Currie wanted accompany the lady judges in the Industrial Section.

It was decided to arrange lunch for the judges at the Gabbins Hotel. Mr Fortune & Mrs Currie would accompany them.

The Secretary was asked to engage a night watchman for the Friday night, also to ask Mrs More to give the vote of thanks to Mrs Brooke and committee.

It was agreed that the youngest entrant in the show would be asked to present the bouquet to Mrs Brooke, which Mr Cockburn would make up.

Gardens

Mr Bell stated he had arranged with Mr Burns, Saltoun, to judge the gardens on Tuesday, 24th August.

Refreshments

The Girls' Club was to be asked to help with the sale of Ice Cream & Minerals.

Donors

Mrs Anderson & Mr Inglis & Mrs Fortune agreed to act as Donors.

Mrs Currie & Mrs Cockburn to sell refreshments.

Margaret M. Armstrong Secy. Jas Fortune, Vice President

GIFFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

Gifford Horticultural Society held their annual exhibition on Saturday. Despite the recent weather, the exhibits were of a high standard, although not so numerous as last year.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mr David Bell, President of the Society, presided at the opening ceremony. He said that notwithstanding the recent unfavourable weather, the show was a credit to the exhibitors. This year two new trophies had been added to the list, a trophy presented by Lady Tweeddale for most points in the Industrial and ladies' Sections and Mr Murphy's Trophy for the best exhibit in the Cottagers' Section. The President said they were fortunate to have with them Mrs Brooke, Biel, and he had much pleasure in asking her to perform the opening ceremony.

ORIGIN OF FLOWER SHOWS

Mrs Brooke said it gave her much pleasure to come to Gifford to open the exhibition. In July the Royal Horticultural Society celebrated its 150th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of the Gardens at Wisely. The Society to-day has 45,000 members, two great halls and magnificent gardens. In 1804, seven men organised a Society including Sir Joseph Banks, the great botanist, Mr John Wedgewood, Mr William Forsyth, the royal gardener, and Mr Thomas Knight, who was described as a distinguished vegetable physiologist. The Society was formed for the improvement of horticulture in all its branches. Meetings were held regularly to which members brought not only ideas but specimens from all over the world and the results of personal experiment and research, amateur and scientific. Soon a room or hall was inadequate for the meetings, and a large marquee was erected for the annual meeting. This was the origin of their village horticultural shows. The custom spread all over the country and in each small rural district the excitement and glory of the year was and is the flower show. Still printed on the front page of most prize lists is the same avowed object — the improvement of horticulture in all its branches.

PIONEER SPIRIT IN HORTICULTURE

Continuing, she said it is very good that there should be competition and reward, but the fascinating business of trying to produce the largest potato or the best pansies should not be the main object of the Show, because these things, though they may be excellent individually, were not usually indicative of the whole garden standard and it was comparatively easy to concentrate on fine specimens of some vegetables or flowers for show year after year, and yet not move one inch in what she might call garden wisdom or advancement. She wished to see not discouragement of the present classes in the schedule — she did not mean that — but encouragement in some way and special emphasis at these shows on the pioneer spirit in horticulture, i.e., a small class perhaps to be judged earlier for naturalisation of new plants, grafting, budding, plants grown from this year's cuttings by various methods, novelties — anything which showed skill and adventure in the world of growing things. They had records at Biel of a paper read by the head gardener at a Horticultural Society meeting of flowers he was naturalising at Biel in 1870 — flowers which were now common in all their gardens. In fact, most of the beautiful flowers in their show that day had come to this country in a similar way.

She was in Rhodesia two years ago and her excitement was to see flowers like cosmo and pyrethrum wild on the verges of the road, and wonderful flowering shrubs and climbers growing semi-wild, and in the veld — the open grass lands — marigolds and daisies of every variety, lilliums and small clematis. All these plants were now tended in their gardens and there were tremendous lists of fragrant wild flowers that they cultivated for their beauty and found that as annuals at least they would tolerate their climate. Another suggestion was that the present prize list should be varied from year to year. They had no classes for such things as the beautiful polyantha or hybrid musk roses now so very popular, or rock plants, climbing plants or shrubs, collections of herbs, foliage or fragrance. Nothing could be static, everything must either rise or decline, get better or worse, and she asked them to consider venturing to find new delights and interest in horticulture and made a plea for Gifford Horticultural Society to take a step forward.

Mrs More thanked Mrs Brooke for opening the show, and also proposed a vote of thanks to the President, office-bearers and Committee.

Master Alastair Neilson presented a

bouquet of flowers to Mrs Brooke.

THE OFFICIALS

The officials were as follows:—
President — Mr Bell; vice-president, Mr James Fortune; hon. secretary, Mrs Armstrong; hon. treasurer, Mr David Neilson, Committee—Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Currie, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Tait, Miss Weddell, Mrs Bell, Miss V. Todrick, Mrs R. Craig and Messrs R. Craig, Inglis, Cockburn, Buick, McEwen, R. Carr, Rowan and Anderson.

THE PRIZE LIST

The prize-winners were as follows:—

OPEN SECTION

Flowers (garden cactus dahlias) — 1 David Bell; decorative dahlias—1 David Bell; dahlias—1 David Bell, 2 A. Anderson, gladioli—1 David Bell, 2 Mrs Simpson, 3 Brigadier J. L. Weston; early flowering chrysanthemums (disbudded) — 1 William Carr, 2 David Bell; annuals — 1 David Bell, 2 William Inglis; herbaceous — 1 William Inglis, 2 David Bell, 3 Brigadier J. L. Weston; flowers cut from open border — 1 David Bell, 2 William Inglis; sweet peas — 1 M. Murdoch, 2 David Bell; roses — 1 A. Anderson, 2 William Inglis, 3 David Bell; border carnations — 1 Mrs Harris.

VEGETABLES

Potatoes (three varieties) — 1 William Carr, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 William Inglis; potatoes (kidney) — 1 Alexander Fairgrieve, 2 William Carr, 3 William Inglis; potatoes (round)—1 Mrs Simpson, 2 Angus Fairgrieve, 3 William Carr; tomatoes — 1 A. Anderson, 2 Mrs Simpson, 3 William Inglis; cauliflower — 1 A. Anderson, 2 David Bell; carrots (long)—1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve, 3 William Carr; carrots (stump-rooted) — 1 Angus Fairgrieve, 2 William Carr, 3 Alexander Fairgrieve; onions — 1 David Bell, 2 William Inglis; leeks — 1 William Inglis, 2 R. Carr, 3 David Bell; shallots — 1 David Bell, 2 William Inglis; celery—1 William Inglis; turnips—1 David Bell, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve, 3 Mrs Simpson; parsnips — 1 R. Carr; peas — 1 David Bell, 2 P. Kerr, 3 William Inglis; long beet — 1 R. Carr; round beet — 1 A. Anderson, 2 William Inglis, 3 David Bell; cucumbers — 1 A. Anderson, 2 William Inglis; collection of vegetables — 1 David Bell.

FRUIT

Culinary apples — 1 William Inglis, 2 Miss Drysdale, 3 David Bell; dessert apples — 1 A. Anderson, 2 Mrs D. Bell; hardy fruit — 1 A. Anderson; pears (culinary) — 1 A. Anderson; pears (dessert) — 1 A. Anderson; plums — 1 Mrs Simpson, 2 A. Anderson.

AMATEUR SECTION

Plants (fuschia) — 1 Mrs Simpson; begonia — 1 James Fortune; geranium — Mrs Simpson; early chrysanthemum — 1 M. Murdoch, 2 William Carr.

FLOWERS

Roses — 1 J. Veitch, 2 Miss Drysdale; annuals—1 Miss R. A. Crawford; flowers, cut from open border — 1 Mrs Simpson, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 Miss R. A. Crawford; herbaceous—1 A. Chisholm, 2 J. Veitch, 3 Miss R. A. Crawford; phloxes — 1 Miss McNaughtan, 2 Mrs Harris, 3 Dr Fairbairn; gladioli — 1 James Fortune, 2 Mrs Simpson; stocks — 1 Miss R. A. Crawford; antirrhinums — 1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 D. Brown, 3 A. Chisholm; asters (single)—1 Mrs Simpson; asters (double) — 1 James Fortune, 2 T. Thomson, 3 Mrs Simpson; pomponne dahlias — 1 T. Thomson, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 David Grindlay; decorative dahlias — 1 T. Thomson, 2 A. Chisholm; cactus dahlias — 1 William Buick, 2 Miss M. K. Weddell, 3 T. Thomson; pentstemons — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 Dr Fairbairn; early flowering chrysanthemums (disbudded) — 1 M. Murdoch, 2 William Carr; chrysanthemums (not disbudded) — 1 Angus Fairgrieve; sweet peas — 1 M. Murdoch, 2 William Carr, 3 Miss R. A. Crawford; pansies — 1 D. Brown, 2 J. Veitch, 3 A. Chisholm; border carnations — 1 Mrs Harris, 2 P. Kerr, 3 Angus Fairgrieve.

VEGETABLES

Peas — 1 D. Brown, 2 C. Dingwall, 3 J. Veitch; beans — 1 Miss Drysdale, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve, 3 Miss R. A. Crawford; tomatoes — 1 C. Dingwall, 2 Mrs Simpson, 3 J. Fortune; turnips (yellow) — 1 D. Brown, 2 Mrs Simpson, 3 Alexander Fairgrieve; turnips (white) — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 T. Thomson, 3 Miss R. A. Crawford; parsnips — 1 R. Carr, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve, 3 A. Chisholm; cabbage — 1 C. Dingwall, 2 James Fortune, 3 A. Chisholm; cauliflower — 1 C. Dingwall, 2 James Fortune; leeks — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 W. Cowings, 3 R. Carr; carrots (long) — 1 W. Carr, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve, 3 Angus Fairgrieve; carrots (stump-rooted) — 1 James Fortune, 2 W. Buick, 3 Angus Fairgrieve; beet (long) — 1 R. Carr, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve; beef (globe) — 1 J. Veitch, 2 William Carr; shallots (red) — 1 William Buick, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve; shallots (yellow) — 1 Alexander Fairgrieve, 2 James Houlison, 3 A. Chisholm; onions — 1 T. Thomson; potatoes (round)—1 Alexander Fairgrieve, 2 Mrs Simpson, 3 Angus Fairgrieve; potatoes (kidney) — T. Thomson, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve, 3 R. Carr; potatoes (three varieties) — 1 William Carr, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve; shelled peas — 1 Mrs Simpson, 2 Mrs B. Craig, 3 P. B. Rowan; rhubarb (quality) — 1 Mrs Simpson, 2 Miss Drysdale.

FRUIT

Plums — 1 Mrs Simpson, 2 James Fortune; culinary apples — 1 Miss Drysdale, 2 James Fortune, 3 Miss R. A. Crawford; dessert apples — 1 James Fortune, 2 Miss R. A. Crawford, 3 R. Carr; pears—1 James Fortune, 2 William Buick; hardy fruit — 1 James Fortune.

COTTAGERS' SECTION

Geranium — 1 David Grindlay; fern — 1 A. Chisholm; chrysanthemum (early)—1 A. Chisholm, 2 William Carr.

FLOWERS

Mixed annuals — 1 A. Chisholm; cut flowers — 1 P. Kerr; sweet peas — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 William Buick, 3 William Carr; asters (double)—1 James Houlison, 2 David Grindlay; asters (single) — 1 James Houlison; chrysanthemums — 1

A. Chisholm, 2 William Carr; dahlias — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 David Grindlay, 3 William Buick; antirrhinums — 1 P. Kerr, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 R. Carr; roses — 1 A. Chisholm; gladioli — 1 James Houlison, 2 William Buick; phloxes — 1 A. Gillies, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 P. Kerr; stocks—1 R. Carr; pentstemons — 1 R. Carr, 2 A. Chisholm; pansies — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 David Grindlay; French marigolds — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 A. Gillies; calendula — 1 A. Gillies, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 William Buick; border carnations — 1 Angus Fairgrieve.

VEGETABLES

Leeks — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 W. Cowings, 3 R. Carr; potatoes (round) — 1 A. McCaskie, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve, 3 William Carr; potatoes (kidney) — 1 R. Carr, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve, 3 William Carr; peas — 1 A. McCaskie, 2 A. Gillies, 3 A. Chisholm; shallots — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve, 3 James Houlison; parsnips — 1 Alexander Fairgrieve, 2 R. Carr, 3 A. Chisholm; onions — 1 W. Cowings, 2 A. Gillies; cabbage — 1 A. McCaskie, 2 A. Chisholm, 3 William Carr; turnips — 1 Alexander Fairgrieve, 2 A. McCaskie, 3 A. Ramsay; cauliflower — 1 Peter Kerr, 2 W. Cowings, 3 A. McCaskie; carrots—1 David Grindlay, 2 Alexander Fairgrieve, 3 R. Carr; beet (round) — 1 Alexander Fairgrieve, 2 W. Cowings; lettuce — 1 and 3 A. Chisholm, 2 Mrs Simpson; broad beans — 1 Alexander Fairgrieve, 2 A. Ramsay; collection of vegetables — 1 A. Chisholm, 2 William Buick, 3 William Carr.

ALPINE SECTION (OPEN)

One Pan Alpine — 1 Mrs D. Bell, 2 Mrs Bathgate, 3 Mrs R. Tait; miniature cactus garden — 1 Douglas Bell, 2 P. Kerr, 3 Mrs Armstrong.

LADIES' SECTION

Vase of flowers arranged for effect — 1 Miss R. A. Crawford, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Miss McNaughtan; Victorian posy — 1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 Lady Makins, 3 Miss McNaughtan; bowl of flowers suitable for table centrepiece — 1 Miss R. Nettlefold, 2 Miss R. A. Crawford, 3 Lady Betty Weston.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society medal card award for best exhibit of gladioli — David Bell; Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society award for best exhibit of leeks—A. Chisholm, centenary rose bowl for the best exhibit in open section — David Bell; John Tait memorial trophy for best exhibit in amateur section — William Carr; Mr Murphy's trophy for best exhibit in amateur section — P. Kerr; trophy presented by Lady Tweeddale for most points in industrial and ladies' section — Miss E. Common; "Amateur Gardening" awards for outstanding exhibits in horticultural sections — David Bell (silver-bronze medallion and diploma) and M. Murdoch (diploma); "Small-holder" awards for best exhibits in flower classes — David Bell (bronze medal), and T. Thomson and A. Chisholm (certificates of merit); and blue ribbon for best exhibit in show (Miss R. Nettlefold); "Woman's Own" awards (for baking)—Mrs T. Fortune (bronze medal) and Mrs A. Campbell (diploma), for handicrafts — Miss E. Common (bronze medal and diploma); best-kept garden—1 William Buick, 2 A. Gillies.

INDUSTRIAL SECTION

Bottle small fruit — 1 Mrs B. Craig, 2 Mrs B. Whitson, 3 Miss A. Sinclair; Bottle large fruit — 1 Mrs R. Tait, 2 Mrs Smith, 3 Mrs Hastie; gooseberry jelly — 1 Mrs Chambers, 2 Mrs Logan, 3 Mrs Whitson; black currant jelly — 1 Mrs Whitson, 2 Miss Common, 3 Mrs Hamilton; strawberry jam — 1 Mrs Whitson, 2 Mrs Logan, 3 Miss H. Stenhouse; lemon curd — 1 Mrs Chambers, 2 Miss A. Sinclair, 3 Miss H. Stenhouse; marmalade (Scotch) — 1 Mrs T. Fortune, 2 Mrs Logan, 3 Mrs Whitson; girdle scones — 1 Mrs Chambers, 2 Miss A. Sinclair, 3 Mrs Hamilton; wheaten oven scones — 1 Mrs A. Chisholm, 2 Mrs D. Brown, 3 Miss B. Tait; dropped scones — 1 Mrs A. Campbell, 2 Mrs M. Brown, 3 Mrs Logan; coffee buns—1 Miss E. Common, 2 Mrs T. Fortune, 3 Miss J. Fortune; gingerbread (plain) — 1 Mrs A. Campbell, 2 Miss A. Sinclair, 3 Mrs Martin; sponge cake — 1 Mrs T. Fortune, 2 Mrs M. Brown; fancy cakes — 1 Miss B. Tait, 2 Mrs M. Brown, 3 Mrs A. Chisholm; sausage rolls (rough puff) — 1 Mrs A. Chisholm, 2 Mrs A. Campbell, 3 Miss A. Sinclair; open fruit tart (short pastry)—1 Mrs Douglas, 2 Miss B. Tait, 3 Mrs Hastie; shortbread fingers — 1 Miss A. Sinclair, 2 Miss I. Weddell, 3 Miss E. Common; meringues (filled) — 1 Miss R. A. Crawford, 2 Miss I. Weddell, 3 Mrs M. Brown; lady's hand-knitted jumper (3-ply) fancy — 1 Miss E. Common, 2 Miss M. K. Weddell, 3 Mrs Douglas; shawl (2-ply) — 1 Mrs Whitson, 2 Mrs Currie; gentleman's pullover — 1 Miss E. Common, 2 Miss H. Stenhouse, 3 Mrs Currie; scarf (fancy)—1 Miss E. Common, 2 Mrs Currie, 3 (equal) Mrs M. Brown and Mrs Whitson; embroidered article in silk, wool or cotton — 1 Miss E. Common, 2 Mrs Hastie, 3 Mrs Bell, h.c.; Mrs Leith; knitted bed jacket — 1 Miss E. Common, 2 Mrs A. Chisholm, 3 Miss M. Main; chutney — 1 Mrs M. Brown, 2 Mrs D. Brown, 3 Mrs A. Chisholm; potted meat (hough) — 1 Mrs Whitson, 2 Mrs R. Tait, 3 Mrs Fortune; hen eggs—1 Miss E. Common, 2 Miss M. Main; three varieties sweets (unboiled) — 1 Mrs A. Chisholm; three varieties tablet — 1 Miss E. Common, 2 Mrs Douglas, 3 Mrs A. Chisholm; special prize S.W.R.I. (waist petticoat, hand-sewn) — 1 Mrs Logan, 2 Mrs Currie; Yester Girls' Club (lamp shade) — 1 Miss N. Sanderson, 2 Miss E. Sinclair, 3 Miss W. Cockburn, h.c., Miss L. Mullen.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

15 years and under (blouse) — Margaret Sinclair; knitted scarf — 1 Christina Hardie, 2 Muriel Bathgate; crayon drawing (under 10) — 1 John Borthwick, 2 Alan Craig, 3 Ian Douglas; painting (10-15) — 1 Helen Chisholm, 2 John Stewart, 3 Muriel Bathgate; specimen of handwriting — 1 Leslie Elliot, 2 Margaret Main, 3 Alice Kerr; (5-8) — 1

Duncan Sinclair, 2 Ann Borthwick, 3 Ronald Wood; (9-12) — 1 Jean Fair, 2 Christina Hardie, 3 Muriel Bathgate; (13-15) — 1 K. Thomson, 2 Marion Armstrong, 3 Evelyn Fortune; wild flowers — 1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Elizabeth Sinclair; grasses (wild) — 1 Marion Armstrong, 2 Muriel Bathgate, 3 Margaret Sinclair; tray of wild fruits and seeds — 1 Muriel Bathgate; miniature garden — 1 Muriel Bathgate, 2 Susan Clark, 3 Marion Armstrong; oven scones — 1 Evelyn Fortune, 2 Jean Fair, 3 Elizabeth Sinclair; queen cakes — 1 Marion Armstrong, 2 June Turnell, 3 Jean Fair; cocoanut tablet — 1 Marion Brown, 2 Marion Armstrong, 3 Muriel Bathgate.

SHOW JUDGES—The judges at the flower show, on Saturday, were:— Horticulture —Messrs J. G. Wallace, Edinburgh and East of Scotland College of Agriculture; J. Burns and R. Blacklock; industrial — Mrs Marshall and Miss Gordon.

Oct 1902

A committee meeting was held in the Hall on 19th October at 6.30 pm to discuss the resignation of Mr D. Bell, President of the Society.

Mr James Fortune, Vice President, took the chair and expressed his regret at Mr Bell's resignation. He informed the Committee that it was now their duty to nominate a President, which nomination would be put before the A.G.M. for approval.

Mr R. Carr proposed Mr James Fortune as President and was seconded by Mr D. Neilson. Mr P. B. Rowan was proposed as Vice-President with Mr A. Anderson as second choice but as both these members were absent, the decision was left till later.

Business to be brought up before A.G.M. was discussed.

Mr J. Cockburn suggested we discontinue the Open Section.

Mr Fortune proposed that the trophies should be awarded to exhibitor with most points in each section. Mr J. Cockburn, however, thought the award should be for most first prizes in each section.

Mr R. C. Craig raised the point of the class in the Ladies' Section - Vase or Bowl of Flowers arranged for effect. If vase is stipulated, it should be taller than its width. Also, it should be stated whether the flowers shown in this class must be grown by the exhibitor.

NOTE

After it became generally known that Mr Bell had resigned, the Secretary received letters and had calls from members of the Society asking if Mr Bell could not be persuaded to carry on as President and in view of the general feeling the Secretary wrote Mr Bell expressing the desire that he reconsider his decision and continue as President.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held
in the Hall on Thursday, 4th Nov. at 7.30 pm.
1954

Mr David Bell presided.

Minute The minute of the A.G.M. held on 10th November 1953 was read and approved.

Financial Report Mr D. Neilson, Treasurer, read out the Auditor's (Mr R. McNaughtan) report on our financial position, the balance in hand being £54.17.1 which is £6.1.9½ less than the balance at commencement of period. Report appended to this minute.
On the call of Mr Bell, a vote of thanks was given to Mr Neilson and Mr McNaughtan for their work during the year.

Raising of Funds To raise funds for next year, Mr Anderson proposed that we run one good raffle instead of having Whist Drives. This proposal met with general approval and it was decided to go ahead with this in the new year.

Election of Officers Mr J. Fortune proposed that Mr Bell be re-elected President which met with unanimous approval. The other officials were re-elected as follows:

Vice President - Mr James Fortune
Secretary - Mrs Armstrong
Asst. Secretary - Mrs Rathgate
Treasurer - Mr D. Neilson

Committee: Mrs D. Bell, Mrs A. Christohm, Mrs R.C. Craig, Mrs J. A. Crawford, Mrs R. Whilson, Miss V. Ludrick, Miss Weddell.

Messrs. A. Anderson, W. Buick, R. Carr, W. Carr, J. Cockburn, R. C. Craig, Angus Fairgrieve,

W. Inglis, J. King, P. B. Rowan, J. Veitch.

Two more patrons were added -

Sir Archd. Cochrane, Inglisfield
Mr R. G. Funnell, Gifford.

It was decided to send to patrons two months before the show, a schedule with complimentary members ticket

Date of Show The date of show was fixed as last year, i.e. last Saturday in August.

A suggestion that the Flower Show Dance be cut out met with approval.

Payment of Judges The question was raised as to whether the judges should receive payment, but according to the opinion of committee members who accompanied them on Show Day, the judges appeared quite satisfied with their treatment.

Schedule Mr McNaughtan suggested that the Committee should go into the regulations and revise them, in fact revise the whole schedule. A sub-committee was formed for this purpose consisting of:

Mr D. Bell, Mr J. Fortune, Mrs R.C. Craig
Mrs Armstrong and Miss Weddell.

Points decided on:

Issue removal tickets to exhibitors and clear marquee before allowing anyone in to remove exhibits.

A notice to the effect that an auction will take place later to be placed in a prominent position.

Each trophy to be awarded to winners of most firsts in that particular section.

Industrial and Children's sections to remain open.

The S.W.R.I. class to be for Gifford W.R.I. only.

Raffle to be drawn on day of show.

David Bell President
Margaret M. Armstrong Sec.

Dec. 14th

The Sub Committee met on 14th Dec and revised regulations and sections in the schedule.

Mrs Bell informed the meeting that owing to the R.C.H.S. Show being held during the week following the date proposed for our Show, the roses will be unobtainable for the 27th Aug and it looked as though we should have to alter our date.

Mrs Fortune offered to see Mr Stewart of the R.C.H.S. and discuss the matter with him. He also suggested that our Society might agree to enter for the Special class for Affiliated Societies for their Autumn Show.

It was decided to have a general meeting early in the New Year to approve alterations in the schedule and other business.

Gifford Horticultural Society

Notes on the accounts covering the period from 4th November 1953 to 30th November 1954.

The Accounts close with a balance on hand of £54 17 1 which is £6 1 9½ less than the balance of £60 18 10½ at the commencement of the period.

Show Expenditure	£ 131 5 7½
Show Income including Show Dinner	102 6 6
Loss	£ 28 19 1½
Profit on Whist Drives	22 17 4
Decrease of balance on hand	£ 6 1 9½

The loss on the 1953 Show was £50 11 10½

The Show Income is approximately the same as in 1953.

Members subscriptions and donations amount to £41 0 6 and increase of £2 15 10 over 1953

Entry fees and roses show an increase of £2 12 11 and the Drawings show, same & on Show Day of £5 19 3 over the previous year.

No contribution from the John Park Monthly Trust was received in 1954.

Show Expenditure shows a reduction of £21 11 4 over 1953 when £15 was expended on the John Park Monthly Trophy.

The cost of lunches for Judges and Committee £3 7 6 for 1953 and £3 for 1954 is included and also the staging account for both these years £5 15/-.

Prize money comes to £50 14/- a reduction of £8 1/- but in a normal Show season the figure of £50 14/- will probably be much higher.

There is also a reduction in the cost of Printing, advertising &c.

The Affiliation fee to the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society for the years 1953 and 1954 is outstanding.

Robert Wroughton.

Gifford, Gifford
14th November 1954