

Gifford 27. Decr 1855 — a general meeting of the Society was held in the Tweeddale Arms Inn this Evening. The Secretary read over the Proceedings of the year with a Statement of the Income & Expenditure which was approved of. The prizes & Medals were delivered. Mr D Swinton rec^d from Messrs Lawson a Book on agriculture for their prize for the best 3 Turnips — and Miss Ogilvie a Book from Mr Ravenscroft for the best Boquet of Flowers also Master A Morrison and Miss A Nisbet rec^d a New Testament each for the best Nosegay of Wild Flowers from Mr Jeffrey.

— The office Bearers for the year were then Elected —
 W M Davidson Esq^r President. Dr Lathian vice President

Mr P Logan Treasurer. Mr P Jeffrey Secretary —
 Committee — Messrs Wilson Sheriffside — D Swinton Gifford — Will^m Lees
 Alex^r Nisbet John Trotter John Welsh — P Henderson Redd Hill —
 Will^m Gray Long Yester — Robt Bolton Broadwoodside —

It was agreed to give one Medal for the First Prize at the Summer Show, and one for the winter Show of the value of 10/ each — it being optional for the member to take the Medal or the Money — The remainder of the Funds to be divided among the holders of 1st, 2^d and 3^d Prizes in Proportions to be fixed by the Committee — the Parties gaining the Medals are not to participate in the division of the Funds —

— The Meeting fixed the competition days for 1855
 for Tuesday 24th July — and Tuesday 6th November

— The following alterations were made in the articles for competition — Potatoes are to be judged by Quality and not by weight — at both Competitions —

— Over —

Mr Shearer will give a prize of $1/6$ to the first,
and $1/6$ to the second - for the best 4
Spikes Verbaceous Plants -

Mr P B Swinton offers similar prizes
for 4 Spikes Annuals -

Mr Kerry of Nopes. will give a prize of $2/6$ for
the best Cauliflower - at the Summer show -

Mr Ravenscroft Edin^g will give a prize for
Best Bouquet of flowers - and

Mr Jeffrey offers his usual prize to the Boy and
Girl - for the best Nosegay of wild flowers
gathered by their own hands -

Messrs Lawson Edin^g will give a prize for the Nearest
Cabbage - at the winter show -

For the Summer show all articles for competition must be in the room before 5 o'clock
For the Winter do do do 5 o'clock -

The Annual Supper by the Members & Friends will take
place, as usual, on the evening of the Winter show -

1855 June 2. cash from Mr Kerry for his prize - 2-6
20 Do do Mr P Swinton do do 2-6
July 11- Gift from a Traveller - Per Secretary - 1-6

July 10 1855

a committee was held in Mr
Coleys this evening when the
secretary was instructed to ask
Messrs Kerry of Nopes, Balfour of
Nunraw - & King of Eaglescarnie
to act as judges of the
approaching Exhibition
and Messrs Nistat - and Bolton
to take the articles - and
Mr P Henderson Nistat and
Bolton - agreed to act as door
keepers & receive the tickets -

Income -

51 members at 6 each £1-5-6
a gift per travelling secretary - 0-1-6
Lord Tweeddale's gift 1-10-0
Mr Davidson do 0-5-0
cash per tickets - 0-4-0
3-6-0

1855 Summer Competition. July 24th -

The Summer competition took place this day - when the Judges Messrs King of Eaglecrairie - Balfour of Nunraw - and Carey of Hopes, awarded as follows - 37 competitors - 100 articles -

	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
12 Pods Peas	Mr Willm Ogilvie	D ^r Lothian	Mr Willm Lees
12 Pods Beans	Mr Robt Hewitt	Mr Ogilvie	Mr Willm Coleyer
3 Carrots	Mr Hewitt	Mr Coleyer	Mr John Trotter
3 Turnips	Mr Alex Nisbet	Mr Peter Logan	Mr Robt Marshall
1 Cabbage	Mr Lee's	Mr John Dods	Mr Peter Henderson
1 Cauliflower	D ^r Lothian	Mr Nisbet	Mr Peter Black
1 stalk Rhubarb	Mr Peter Jeffrey	Mr George Burn	Mr Hewitt
6 Potatoes	Mr Trotter	Mr Jeffrey	Mr David Burnton

Mr Hewitt gets the Silver Medal - or 10/-

Extra Prizes

4 Spikes Herbaceous Plants	Mrs Nisbet	Miss Ogilvie	From Mr Shearer
4 P ^o Annuals	Miss Ogilvie	Mrs Nisbet	From Mr P B Swinton
1 Cauliflower	Mr Nisbet	Mr P Black	D ^r Lothian - Fr.
Ladies Bouquet	Miss M Kay	Miss Ogilvie	Miss Wilson
Boys Nosegay	Master R Nisbet	Master Robt Wallace	Master John Logan
Girls Nosegay	Miss M Porteous	Miss A Nisbet	Miss Jane Goodall

Expenditure Two Medals £ 1 - 0 - 0

Judges — 0 12 11

Bills Printing — 0 6 0

Stationery Candles or Postage Stamps 0 2 1
2 1 0

Mester 1st 2nd
1-6 1-0 -

at Lady 4/6 - 1-0

Mr Carey of Hopes 2/6

from Mr Ravenscroft Edin' a Book

from Mr Jeffrey Gifford Two Bibles

1855 Winter competition, Nov^r 6th

The annual competition took place this day - when the Judges - Messrs Mitchell of Amisfield - Allan - Maddington - and Carey of Hopes awarded the following Prizes

There was 22 Competitors, - and 92 articles bro^t forward -

	First prize	Second - prize	Third prize
3 Leeks	Will ^m Lees	D ^r Lathian	John Dods
6 Onions	Peter Henderson	Robt ^t Marshall	Will ^m Coleyer
1 Savoy	Will ^m Gray	Peter Henderson	Robt ^t Marshall
1 Green	Will ^m Gray	Robt ^t Bolton	Peter Logan
1 Brussels Sprout	John Dods	Thos ^t Hogg	Robt ^t Bolton
1 Cauliflower	Will ^m Lees	Robt ^t Hewitt	Peter Jeffrey
3 Carrots	Robt ^t Hewitt	Alex ^r Porteous	Will ^m Ogilvie
1 Early Cabbage	Peter Logan	Mr ^r Glass	Robt ^t Hewitt
1 Heaviest D ^o	Robt ^t Wood	Robt^t Hewitt Peter Logan	John Dods
6 Potatoes	John Dods	Will ^m Coleyer	Alex ^r Porteous
3 Turnips	Peter Jeffrey	Robt ^t Hewitt	David Swinton

Mr John Dods gets the Medal - or 10/-

Extra prizes - From Messrs Lawson Edin^g - For Heaviest Cabbage

Mr Peter Logan -

From Mr John Trotter Gifford - a Handsome Snuff box for the Best Lettuce - Mr Robt^t Bolton -

Sweepstakes betwixt Messrs Logan and Nisbet - for the Best cauliflower - Mr Nisbet -

Income for the year - 1855

51 members at 6 each	£ 1 " 5 " 6
a gift from a Traveller - per Secretary	0 " 1 " 6
Lord & Lady Tweeddale's Gift	1 " 10 " 0
Mr Davidson's	0 " 5 " 0
Cash from Entrance Tickets to show Rooms	4 " 0
	£ 3 " 6 " 0

Expenditure

Two medals - or cash of 10/- each	£ 1 " 0 " 0
Judges at both Exhibitions	0 " 12 " 11
Bills Printing	0 " 6 " 0
Candles for Exhibition room Stationery Stamp &c	2 - 1
15 First Prizes at 9/- each	0 " 11 " 3
19 Second - do - 6/-	0 " 9 " 6
16 Third - do - 3/-	0 " 4 " 0
	3 " 5 " 9

Which leaves a balance in Treasurers hand of - 0 " 0 " 3

Feb 21 - 1856

1856 March 10. The Treasurer has rec^d Mr P Swinton's ^{summer} Prize money - 2 - 6
 July 22 cash taken at the Door in Mr Logans hand - 0 " 1 " 2
 Nov^r 4th Cash do do in Mr Blacks hand 0 " 3 - 0
 1857 Rec^d from Mr Barry his Prize money - 1 " 6
 in Mr Logans hand
 Jan 5 10 Rec^d Lord Tweeddale's Gift in Mr Logans hand 1 " 10 " 0
 13 D^r Lathian Paid his Prize money 5