

1857 Jan^y. 13 - a general meeting of the Society was held in Mr. Colyers Inn. this day, Mr. Mc Kay in the Chair - the Secretary laid before the meeting the preceding statement of the Income and expenditure - which was found correct - the Prizes were then distributed - by the Preses - for the best Bouquet of Flowers - from Mr. Ravenscroft Edin^g. Mrs. Nisbet Rec^d. a Book - and from Messrs Lawson. Dr. Mr. Wilson Rec^d. a Book - the office Bearers for the year were then Elected - President Mr. Dudgeon - vice President Mr. P. B. Swinton. Treasurer Mr. P. Logan - Secretary Mr. Jeffrey - Committee - Messrs. Mc Kay - Leitch - Hewitt - Wilson - Gray - Dr. Lothian - Trotter - Ogilvie & Botton - the Summer Competition was fixed to be on Tuesday 28th July the Committee to have the power to alter the days before issuing the Bills - when in addition to the usual articles to be competed for Mr. Dudgeon will give a prize of 5/- for the best Kept Hind's Garden (that is) Parties hired by the year, Mr. Berry of Hopes 1/- for the best rose grown in Pot - Mr. Mc Kay - for the best Cauliflower 1/- second best 1/- Mr. Ogilvie - for the best 6 early Horn carrots 1/- second do 1/- all articles to be in the Room for competition before 1/2 past 6 o'clock - Winter Competition on Tuesday 3 November - at 5 o'clock - when in addition to the usual articles to be competed for Mr. Ogilvie will give for 6 best early Horn Carrots, 1/- second do 1/- Mr. Swinton for 2 Brussels sprouts 1/- second do 1/- Dr. Lothian for 1 best Parsley plant 1/- second do 1/- Mr. Marshall for best 5 onions 1/- second do 1/- the value of the Medals at the Summer or Winter

Shows to be 7/6. same as last year - as the same in money. The Parties gaining the Medals, are not to participate in the other division of the funds - which are to be divided same as last year. Competitors for Mr. Dudgeon's Prize to give notice to the Secretary of their intention to do so before 1st July.

D^r Lothian - Messrs Swinton & Ogilvie to be Judges of the Gardenis -

The Rev^d Mr. Kerr will give 1/6 for first & 1/4 for second for 1 Lettuce - This was not known - untill after the general meeting had taken place - but to be at Summer Show -

July 14 1857. a meeting of Committee was held in Mr. Coley's Inn this day. The Vice President Mr. Swinton in the Chair - When the Secretary was instructed to ask Mr. Ring, Gardner at Eagle Cairnie Duncan of Lennoxlove and Balfour of Munrao to officiate as Judges - at the Competition on the 28th Current - Mr. Alex^r Leitch - & Mr. Willm Gray both of Longyester - were appointed to ticket the Articles and Mr. Peter Logan Door Keeper - And Mr. Leitch or Gray to receive the Tickets -

1857, Summer Competition July 28th
The Summer Competition, was held this day in Mr. Coley's large room when the Judges, Messrs Ring of Eagle Cairnie, Duncan, Lennoxlove, & Balfour of Munrao awarded the following Prizes -

	First	Second	Third
12 Pods of Peas	Mr Peter Jeffrey	Mr Willm Ogilvie	Mr Robt. Hewitt
12 Pods of Beans	Mr Hewitt	Mr P B Swinton	Mr Willm Coleyer
3 Carrots	D ^r Lothian	Mr Peter Logan	Mr John Trotter
3 Turnips	Mr Coleyer	Mr Ogilvie	Mr Alex ^r Leitch
1 Cabbage	Mr Robt. Renton	Mr Peter Black	Mr Robt. Marshall
1 Cauliflower	D ^r Lothian	Mr Jeffrey	Mr Black
1 stalk of Rhubarb	Mr Swinton	Mr George Burn	Mr Marshall
6 Potatoes	Mr Jeffrey	Rev ^d S. Kerr	Mr Trotter

Mr. Jeffrey having two first - & 1 Second Prize the largest number of Prizes - Gets the Silver Medal,

Extra Prizes

from Rev^d Mr. Kerr, - one Lettuce. First Mr. Willm Gray 2^d Mr. Oliver
" Mr. May, one Cauliflower 1st D^r Lothian 2^d Mr. Black
" Mr. Shearer, Four spikes Herbaceous Plants, 1st Mr. Renton, 2^d Miss Ogilvie
" Mr. Swinton, Four Annuals 1st Miss Ogilvie 2^d Miss Fraser
" Mr. Barrie, Rose in pot Miss Ogilvie
" Mr. Ravenscroft, Bouquet of flowers Miss Wilson & Book
Mr. Jeffrey, Wild Flowers. Jessie Botton

there were 27 Competitors - & 105 lots of articles,

Oct: 19th 1857. a committee meeting was held this evening in Mr. Colyer's Inn. Mr. Swinton in the Chair. when the Secretary was instructed to write to Messrs Mitchell of Amisfield, Allan Maddington of Barrie of Ulopes, to act as Judges, for the approaching competition, Mr. Logan to be Door Keeper - & Messrs William Gray & Alex^r Litch - to assist the judges & to take the prize articles. the articles to remain till 1/2 past 7 o'clock.

1857 Nov^r 14th Rec^d from Mr. Dudgeon 5/- being his yearly subscription - also 5/- as a prize from him - for the best Kept Mind's Garden these sums being for the year 1858

1857, Winter Competition, Nov^r 3rd
The winter competition was held this day, when the judges Messrs. Allan Maddington - Mitchell - Amisfield & Barrie of Ulopes, awarded as follows - 28 competitors, - 134 articles, Brought forward

	First	Second	Third
Best 3 Leeks	Mr P B Swinton	Mr W ^m Colyer	Mr R Bolton
" 6 onions	Mr J Wilson	Mr R Marshall	Mr R Renton
" 1 Savoy	Mr W ^m Gray	Mr R Hewitt	Mr Marshall
" 1 Green	Mr Gray	Mr Cameron	Mr Marshall
1 Brussels sprout	Mr Hewitt	Mr Swinton	Mr Henderson
1 Cauliflower	Mr P Logan	Mr Swinton	Mr Renton
3 Carrots	Mr Wilson	Mr Logan	Mr Gray
1 cabbage, early variety	Mr Hewitt	Mr Logan	Mr Cameron
1 Heaviest cabbage	Mr Gray	Mr Bolton	Mr Hewitt
6 Potatoes	Mr Renton	Mr P Jeffery	Rev ^d Mr Kerr
3 Turnips	Dr Lothian	Mr Logan	Mr Jeffery
Mr Gray having the highest No of prizes - Gets the Medal - 3 firsts & 1 third			
Extra prizes			
6 Early Horn carrots	Mr Gray	Mr Wilson	0
2 Brussels sprouts	Mr Bolton	Mr Swinton	0
1 Parsley plant	Mr Jeffery	Mr Wilson	
5 onions	Mr Wilson	Mr Swinton	
Best Kept Garden	Mr John Peddie - at the Park		