

Lady Ursula, and Kaiserin Augusta Victoria; there were nine entries, Mr. W. H. Frettingham, Beeston Nurseries, Notts, coming second; and Messrs. G. and W. H. Burch, Peterborough, third. Mr. W. R. Chaplin, Joyning's Nursery Waltham Cross, came to the front for two dozen blooms, winning from seven competitors, Her Majesty, Dean Hole and Miss Isabel Milner were good in this class; Mr. E. J. Hicks Hurst, Berks, second; and Mr. J. Mattock third.

The best set of sixteen trebles out of nine entries was from Mr. Hugh Dickson, who had a capital lot of Mrs. D. McKee, Hugh Dickson, Mrs. H. Dickson, Countess of Cathlon, Leslie Holland, etc.; Messrs. G. and W. H. Burch second; and Messrs. Dakins and Sons, Coventry, third.

The D'Umbraia challenge cup for two dozen tea or noisette roses was won by Mr. H. Prince, Longworth, with some lovely flowers, some of the best being *Niphetos*, *Mdme. Jules Graveraux*, *Blanc-maid*, *Innocente Pirola*, Mrs. E. Mackay, and *White Maman Cochet*; Mr. Henry Drew second; and Messrs. B. R. Cant and Sons third. The best dozen tea roses came from Messrs. Chapman and Collin, Royal Road, Leicester; Messrs. Jefferies and Son coming second; and Messrs. G. and W. H. Burch third.

Sixteen trebles of tea or noisette roses is a severe class, and here Mr. G. Prince scored with a set that contained fine examples of *Mdme. Jules Graveraux*, *White Maman Cochet*, Mrs. E. Mackay, *Molly S. Crawford*, *Souv. de Pierre Notting*, and *Muriel Grahame*; Mr. Henry Drew second; and Messrs. W. Crisp and Sons, Colchester, third.

The premier award for a dozen vases of exhibition roses, seven flowers of each, fell to Messrs. Alex. Dickson and Sons, Newtownards, whose best examples were of *Mabel Drew*, *Duchess of Wellington*, *Bessie Brown*, *Lyon Rose*, *Duchess of Portland*, and *Mrs. Cornwallis West*; Messrs. D. Prior and Son second, and Messrs. G. Jefferies and Son, Greenchester, third. For nine vases under similar conditions Mr. G. Prince was an easy first, and his *Mdme. Jules Graveraux* was very fine; Mr. J. Mattock, second, and Mr. H. Drew, Longworth, third.

There was a fine competition in the class for the President's prize for nine baskets of perpetual decorative roses, and here Mr. Walter Eastlea, Eastwood, Essex, secured first prize for beautiful baskets of Mr. A. R. Waddell, *Mdme. Melanie Souperet*, *Betty*, *G. C. Vaud*, *Princes de Bulgarie*, *Gen. McArthur*, *Mdme. Abel Chateaufay*, and *Lyon Rose*; Mr. J. Mattock, Oxford, second, and Messrs. S. Bide and Sons, Farnham, third. For five baskets of perpetual decorative roses Mr. Hugh Dickson, Belfast, was to the front with lovely baskets of *Lady Pirie*, *Nellie Parker*, *Hugh Dickson*, *Sea Bird*, and Mrs. James White.

with purple shading. A.M., R.H.S., July 4. Messrs. Wm. Paul and Son, Waltham Cross.

Mrs. Charles E. Allan.—A charming rose of a pretty apricot-yellow shade. A.M., R.H.S., July 4. Mr. Hugh Dickson, Belfast.

Mrs. Sam Ross.—A hybrid tea rose of buff colour with a basal flaming of deep gold, and a pretty flesh pink flush over the centre. A wonderful colour combination. Gold medal. N.R.S., July 7. Mr. Hugh Dickson, Belfast.

Mrs. R. Dräper.—A very sweetly fragrant H.T. rose of large size and full form. The pale pink of the inner surface of the petals harmonises with the darker carmine pink shade on the exterior. Gold medal. N.R.S., July 7. Mr. Hugh Dickson, Belfast.

Danae.—A perpetual-flowering cluster rose with yellow flowers, blooming from June to October. In the bud state the colour is quite deep yellow, but the fully-opened flowers are creamy white. Of vigorous habit. Silver-gilt medal, N.R.S., July 7. Rev. J. H. Pemberton, Havering, Essex.

Souv. de Portland, Oregon.—This is a pretty H.T. rose with moderate-sized prettily-shaped blooms, and slightly reflexed petals. It is a fragrant variety, and of fairly vigorous growth. Silver-gilt medal, N.R.S., July 7. Mr. Hugh Dickson, Belfast.

Ethel.—A Wichuriana variety with semi-double flowers of medium size, and of a lovely soft pink shade. The blooms are carried in large clusters, and are most effective. Card of commendation, N.R.S., July 7. Mr. Chas. Turner, Slough.

Mrs. Muir Mackean.—A fine hybrid tea of brilliant rosy crimson shade; the flowers are of fair size, and excellent shape, broad petalled, and fragrant. Card of commendation, N.R.S., July 7. Messrs. S. McGredy and Sons, Portadown.

Nancy Williams.—A very large flowered broad-petalled H.T. rose of full size and form, and making a deep bloom. The colour is deep flesh-pink, approaching the shade of *Mdme. Abel Chateaufay*. Card of commendation, N.R.S., July 7. Messrs. S. McGredy and Sons, Portadown.

British Queen.—A hybrid tea rose of purest whiteness; the blooms are of large size, fragrant, deep, and broad-petalled. Appears to be a vigorous grower. Card of commendation, N.R.S., July 7. Messrs. S. McGredy and Sons, Portadown.

Sunburst.—A very showy H.T. rose of deep banket yellow shade, with long buds and broad petals. It is sweetly scented, and of vigorous habit. Card of commendation, N.R.S., July 7. Messrs. G. Beckwith and Sons, Hodeedon.

Coronation.—A large full H.P. rose of silvery-pink shade; it has an excellent habit, and is of bold appearance; slightly fragrant. Card of commendation, N.R.S., July 7. Mr. Hugh Dickson, Belfast.

of the hired boy. This had been useful to him, inasmuch as he learnt to do his own work. Women always see immense potentialities in a garden. The girl students at Cambridge once asked the Master of Trinity if he would allow them to use his garden for the purpose of playing croquet and tennis with the undergraduates, to which the Master replied that his garden was intended for horticulture not for husbandry. If the term profit is to be extended to mean indirect profit, who is there who does not come under the award?

ST. MARK'S DAFFODIL EXHIBITION.

This annual event took place on Tuesday, August 22, at St. Mark's Parish Hall, Remuera. The date is fixed so as to be well clear of the Auckland Horticultural Society's Spring Show, and also to give lovers of the narcissi an opportunity of seeing the earlier varieties. There was a large and varied exhibit of daffodils, including collections sent by Mr. W. Rosser, Mr. Douglas Kirker, Mr. H. B. J. Bull, Mr. A. E. Grindrod, and Rev. W. Heatty. The blooms on the whole were well grown, clean, bright, and very effectively staged. A white *Tridymus* seedling, shown by Rev. W. Heatty, attracted much attention. A feature of the show was a table of spring flowers sent by Mr. C. A. Whitney. There were seven table decorations for competition, all of which were attractive. The first prize was carried off by Mrs. Lance Brodie, the second was awarded to Mrs. J. W. Nichol, and the third to Miss Mavis Edgerley. Prizes for children's baskets were won by Irma Lusher, Ruth Robertson, Janet Robertson, Bess, — Colbeck, and by the pupils of the Remuera Kindergarten. From an aesthetic point of view the exhibition was one of the best so far held. The arrangements were admirable, and great credit is due to the ladies who were responsible.

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ROSES.

Leslie Holland.—This deep glowing crimson H.T. variety has already been well shown this year, and it promises to be a first-class exhibition variety. The petals are broad and substantial, making up a bold flower. A.M., R.H.S., July 4. Mr. Hugh Dickson, Belfast.

Frances Charteris Seaton.—A lovely new H.T. rose with pointed buds and plump flowers that have slightly reflexed petals. The colour is rosy-crimson

PLANTS AND PROFIT.

Some amusing evidence was given during the hearing of the demands of the Nursery and Landscape Gardeners' Union, in the Canterbury award, owners of private gardens were exempted, but in Auckland a number of private persons were cited on the ground that they grew flowers for profit. A Mrs. Brown-Clayton, who confessed that she sometimes got rid of a surplus by exchanging with a seedsman, was informed that her transactions amounted to barter, and she had to give an undertaking to discontinue the practice. This sounded the first note of comedy, and when Professor Thomas was called the argument as to what constituted profit became worthy of the old Greek sophists. It was admitted that the professor reaped no pecuniary gain from his bulbs, but Mr. Catty argued that the professor made a profit by extending his knowledge. The professor replied that gardening was with him a hobby, just as some people had a hobby in knocking a ball about with a stick or by toe. If increased knowledge is to be taken as meaning profit, the question crops up as to whether every person who owns a garden does not make a profit. In fact, the greater the financial loss the more knowledge is gained in most things. Alfred Austin has a garden and he writes poetry about it, and the poetry sells. He thus actually makes money out of it. Dean Hole grew roses, and wrote about them, and he also made money. A writer in the "Field" a few years back, said that he had gained much useful knowledge while attempting to grow fruit in New Zealand. He had lost a good deal of his capital, but he had acquired a profound insight into the manners and customs

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