

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW AT SYDENEAM.

The early autumn show of the National Chrysanthemum Society was held on the 5th October at the Crystal Palace. A very bright display of flowers was made up the centre transept. The schedule for the early show is specially designed to encourage the exhibition of flowers grown in the open, and the prettiest effects are produced by the undisbudded sprays of flowers and buds in these classes.

The principal class for a decorative display of chrysanthemums arranged on the floor in a semi-circular space of about 80 square feet was won by Mr. Frank Brazier, Caterham, who made almost exclusive use of the light sprays of early flowering varieties. In the classes for Japanese varieties on show boards Mr. A. Tate (Leatherhead) was first, with 12 distinct varieties, and Mr. A. F. Blades (Reigate) with G. Mr. A. Tate was also first with a vase of Japanese blooms, a class which, although open to varieties of any colour, was contested only by whites, four of five exhibitors showing White Queen.

The most successful exhibitor of early flowering varieties was Mr. J. Smellie (Bushy, near Glasgow), who secured firsts for 12 and 6 bunches of pompons, 12 bunches of undisbudded blooms, and 6 bunches of disbudded, and also took firsts in two classes for vases of early flowering "singles." Mr. W. A. Ballard (Lelcester) was first with 12 bunches of disbudded blooms-grown in the open.

The best of the standard sorts of early flowering varieties represented include Polly, Roi des Blancs, Carrie, Lillie, Jas. Butemann, Dolly Reeves, Hecuba, Hector, Caledonia, Elstob Yellow, Leslie, Nina Bick, and Diana, St. Croutts, Canari, Piery's Seedling, and Scarlet Gem were the best pompons. A considerable number of novelties was shown, and first-class certificates were awarded to the following:—Bronze Goacher, from Messrs Wells, Mierstham; Miss E. Finch (terracotta), from Mr. F. Brazier; Emperor (bright crimson with gold reverse) and a pure white unnamed variety, from Messrs. Lowe and Shawyer.—"London Times."

BORDER CARNATIONS.

Mr. S. M. Kingsford, writing in "The Gardener," gives some practical hints on the border carnation, and his method of growing. He says:—"I have two long beds down the middle of my garden, about 40 feet by 4 feet. In these I grow carnations one year and annuals the next, as carnations should not be grown in the same soil two years running. The ground is tastered trenched every year, and a moderate amount of well rotted manure dug in, after which the ground is trodden as firm as possible. I have learnt from Mr. James Douglas, of Great Bookham, that carnations do better without high feeding and chemical manures. From April onwards I hoe, and hoe, and hoe. After every shower of rain I run the Dutch hoe over the bed so that the soil is always loose on top. The layers I put down myself I plant out in the autumn; but each year I obtain a few of the best new sorts from Mr. Douglas, and both the autumn-planted and the spring planted do well, though the autumn planted are the larger plants. This year some of the autumn-planted carnations had as many as nine flower stems; most of them had seven; and very many of the blooms were 3½ inches across. Amongst older varieties that do well with me I may mention Sam Weller, Cardinal, Sir Galahad, Agnes Sorrell, Splendour, and Daffodil. Among newer sorts Delicia, Lady Gay, Amy Robsart, Mrs. Robert Gordon, and Renown produced perfect blossoms. I am hoping great things next year from Mrs. Robert Berkeley, Mr. Douglas's new pale pink carnation."

Carnations now coming into bloom should receive a liberal supply of liquid manure. For exhibition purposes take off all the buds but the centre one on each stem. The green fly has been very plentiful this season, and if good blooms are to be secured it must be got rid of. The blooms should be sprayed once a week with arsenate of lead, half strength. Any insect that eats a bit of the growth will not live very long afterwards. Do this spraying now. Where the blooms are "extra special" it might be well to save a few pods of seed. Let the flowers do their own fertilising, and take your chance. Watch the pods until they begin to turn yellow, and then gather and dry out the seed.

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