



All communications for "Veronica" should be addressed to "Graphic" Office, Auckland. Secretaries of Horticultural Societies are invited to send short reports of their proceedings, and also any items of interest to Horticulturists. Photographs of Flowers, Fruits, or New Vegetables, or Garden Scenes, will be welcomed.

NOTICE TO SECRETARIES

We would urge upon secretaries of all Horticultural Societies the importance of sending us the dates of their shows. Neglect to do so means loss to their Society in the end.

All schedules forwarded to the Garden Editor of "The Weekly Graphic" will be acknowledged, and a sketch of same published in these columns.

COMING SHOWS.

- MASTERTON HORTICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.—Autumn Show, February or March, 1913.—H. M. Hoddington, Secretary, P.O. Box 23, Masterton.
- PAHIATUA-AKITIO HORTICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.—Autumn Show, March 4th and 5th.
- FONTON HORTICULTURAL, FLORAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION.—Autumn Show, March 5, 1913.—H. C. Patterson, Secretary.
- TIMARU FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—Autumn Show, Olympia Hall, March 6 and 7, 1913.
- HOROWHENUA HORTICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.—Autumn Show, March 12 and 13, 1913.—Mr Frank Sene, hon. secretary.
- HAMILTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—Autumn Show, April, 1913. Wm. H. Paul, secretary and treasurer.
- GREYTOWN AND LOWER VALLEY HORTICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.—Autumn Show, April 17th, 1913.—Mr. A. L. Webster, Secretary.
- HUTT VALLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—Autumn Show, April, 1913.—E. E. Barker, Wellington, secretary.



S. C. Smith, photo. THE SPLENDID DISPLAY OF SWEET PEAS EXHIBITED AT THE WELLINGTON SHOW BY MR C. TREVETHICK.

HORTICULTURAL NOTES.

Taking Cuttings.

Take cuttings from any choice pansies, antirrhinums, or penstemons. These will root readily in sandy soil if placed in the shade and kept just moist. These plants are so easily raised from seeds that unless something extra good has been marked off for propagating, the easier plan is to sow the seeds.

Pelargoniums and Geraniums.

Pelargonium and geranium cuttings should be taken now. There are many most beautiful varieties, and at this season they take root readily.

How Plants are Weakened.

Remove all decayed or spent flower stalks from aquilegias and delphiniums. When these are allowed to mature seed it weakens the plants.

Treatment of Dahlias.

Dahlias are advancing in growth, and will require staking without delay. Thin out where there are too numerous shoots, reducing to three or four at the outside.

Chrysanthemums.

Chrysanthemums want staking and pinching, so as to cause a break of four or five shoots.



S. C. Smith, photo. A GENERAL VIEW OF THE INTERIOR OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN HALL DURING THE SHOW.