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## ROYAL HORTICULTURAL.

## The Temple Show.

MAY 23, 24, 25.—The day of great expectations of the Royal Horticultural Society has come, and with it a slight change from the recent wintry weather that has been disastrous in so many ways to the horticultural community of this country.

The Temple grounds and the tents, sodden with rain, contrasted greatly with the truly summer aspect of everything on the occasion of the show last year; but inside the tents, which by the way were larger in number than last year, all was beauty of flower and leaf.

The various classes of decorative plants now in fashion showed the marked difference between the demands of to-day, as compared with so recent a great show as that held by the Society in 1866. The portability of the subjects grown now is in great contrast to those of that date, as is also their suitability for cutting purposes, and with some few exceptions their general utility.

The large marquee was set apart for groups of plants, Ferns, Caladiums, Roses, Palms, and in the central part solely for Orchids.

## Floral Committee.

Present: W. Marshall, Esq., in the chair; and Messrs. G. Paul, E. Molyneux, W. Bain, C. J. Salter, H. B. May, J. D. Pawle, G. Stevens, J. H. Pitt, E. Beckett, J. Jennings, J. T. Bennett-Poë, R. Owen, Rev. E. Handley, E. Mawley, H. Herbst, J. Walker, R. B. Lowe, C. Jeffries, T. Godfrey, and R. Dean.

## NEW PLANTS.

MESSRS. F. SANDER & Co., St. Albans, showed a rather large number of new plants, amongst which were noted *Bougainvillea glabra Sanderiana*, previously noticed in these columns. *Hippeastrum stylosum*, an old species brought again to the light. It has a six-flowered scape of salmony-red blooms closely set with red lines on a white ground, which impart a suffused appearance to the flowers. Several *Sonerilas* were shown which, while differing in the markings, bear a general resemblance to each other. These were H. Walter, W. P. Boad, E. Bohnhoff, and Duke of York. Plants previously remarked upon by us were *Alocasia Watsoniana*, *Heliconia illustris*, *Dracæna Sanderiana*, and *D. thalioides*, shown for comparison. It certainly bears but little resemblance to *D. Sanderiana*.

*Ptycorhaphis Angusta* is a pretty species of Palm, with a pinnate leaf, the pinnae narrow and pointed; *Browallia speciosa major*, a dwarf plant with blue flowers, produced in the axils of the leaves near the top of the stems; a number of gorgeous-coloured *Coleas*, of which *Empress of India* was striking from the rich shades of crimson present in the leaf; other *Coleas* were *Princess Beatrice*, *Princess May*, *Duke of York*, and *Mrs. F. Sander*.

*Strobilanthes Dyerianus*, a plant Certificated April 25, 1893; *Nepenthes Mastersiana superba*, with fine large crimson pitcher and operculum, wing but slightly bristled; *Microstylis*, new species, with fawn-coloured leaves, and small dull purple flowers set on stems 8 inches high; *Anthurium Mundy-anum*—a plant exhibited for the first time, foliage of large size, and green in colour; spathe large, crimson in colour and varnished—the spadix of orange colour; *Maranta regalis*, a dark green leaf, with double lines of white and rose colour on each side of the midrib; *M. Sanderianus*, similar to the preceding, but of much larger growth; *M. Læonia*, of spreading, dwarf habit with a greyish band on each side of the midrib, and dense grey spotting on the rest of the leaf; and *Cineraria maritima aureo-variegata*.

The MESSRS. LINDEN maintained their reputation for the introduction of new plants, there being upwards of fifteen entirely new plants and varieties shown by them on this occasion.

Six handsome *Marantas* of the *Massangeana* type are well worthy of note for their brilliancy and delicacy of foliage, the varieties consisted of *Albo lineata*, *metallica*, *samaragdina*, *atrata*, *Florentina*, and *fulgida*, the foliage ranging from the blackest-green to

delicate sea-green. New *Begonias* were also *en evidence*, a handsome species named *B. platanifolia*, the foliage of which measured 1 foot across, the colour being a deep sea-green, faintly streaked with silver; the variety *decora* is certainly the most striking as the silvery marking predominates. *B. platanifolia illustris* and *pulvinata* comprised the collection, and the type and varieties may be considered desirable acquisitions, especially for the hybridising purposes.

*Begonia Lansbergiæ*, exhibited in England for first time, has soft velvety foliage, slightly hirsute on the upper and lower surfaces.

*Adiantum Claesianum*, a charming new Fern from South America, was a plant much admired for who saw it; the fronds were composed of rhomboid pinnules, in colour a pale green, with a silver blotch at the base, and silver lines radiating to the margins, which are bluntly toothed. A stock of this plant will be very valuable.

A feature of the show consisted in a group of new Tree Ferns, sixteen in number, and which comprised the following new plants shown under the following names, which must, we believe, be taken as provisional only:—

*Cyathea Mastersiana*, a plant with a fine habit, the stem of which, when full-grown apparently is not longer than 2 feet, and surmounted with graceful fronds, 3 to 4 feet in length, the basal portion being densely spinose.

*Hemitelia Lindenii* is a truly remarkable plant; its stem, though fully grown, is not 2 inches in circumference, the height being 20 inches. The fronds of this handsome plant stand out boldly, making a very graceful picture.

*Aleophila Marshalliana*, a plant of dwarf habit, the pinnae being very crisp and gracefully waving, the fronds are very dark and have a shiny hue.

*Cyathea pygmaea*, stem about 2 feet high, the fronds being of a very soft dark green, and remarkable for the absence of the shiny appearance usually found in *Cyatheas*.

*Caladium adamantinum*, a Peruvian species, with frosted green foliage, hastate in shape, with faint rosy lines running through.

From among the foregoing new plants, eleven were chosen by the Floral Committee, and unanimously awarded First-class Certificates, as mentioned elsewhere, and a Silver Cup was awarded for the group.

Messrs. J. Laing & Sons had among a collection of new and rare plants a few strong specimens of *Tradescantia Regina*, a very nice lot of *Bertolonias*, including *B. Souvenir de Grand*, *B. alba punctata*, *Comte de Kerchove*, *Argyro-neura*, *Madame Augusta Van Geert*, and *Van Houttei*; also *Strobilanthes Dyerianus*, several pretty varieties of *Coleus*; *Stenandrium Lindenii*, *Nicotiana affinis variegata*, and interesting plants, illustrating new parentage in *Caladiums*; and a variegated variety of *Adiantum cuneatum*.

## Orchid Committee.

Present: H. J. Veitch, Esq., in the chair; and Messrs. J. O'Brien, Secretary; F. Mason, E. Hill, J. Jaques, De B. Crawshaw, N. Cookson, C. Pilcher, W. Cobb, H. Williams, H. Chapman, W. H. White, T. W. Bond, H. Ballantine, H. M. Pollett, Maxwell T. Masters, and T. Statter.

## THE ORCHIDS.

BARON SIR H. SCHRODER, The Dell, Egham, gr., Mr. H. Ballantine, was as usual the exhibitor of one of the richest collections of Orchids which could possibly be got together by any one amateur. Not only was his splendid group, which had a frontage of 30 feet, complete in arrangement and beautiful at every point, and the remarkable plants it contained were many. In the centre of Baron Schroder's stand was a very effective group of *Vanda teres*, and dotted throughout it were large specimens of brilliant-flowered *Masdevallias*, fine specimens of *Vanda tricolor*, *Lælia purpurata* of noble quality, *Cypripedium grande* with eighteen flowers and many buds, some splendid forms of *Cattleya Mendelii* and *C. Mossiæ*, the white form of which, named *Wagneri*, being represented by a very large example of pure white blossoms. But in speaking of this exhibit, the mind turns instinctively to the remarkable and almost priceless collection of *Odontoglossums* there to be found, and on the present occasion these plants give a very good account of themselves, a grand set of some dozen and a half noble spotted forms of *O. crispum* and *O. Andersonianum* being staged in the group. All

of these were extremely beautiful, but the four which the Orchid Committee selected for First-class Certificates were the best.

At the commencement of the noble group and raised so as to display to advantage its elegant drooping racemes, was the magnificent specimen of *Coelogyne Dayana*, which has before been so much admired at the Temple Show, but which this year was finer than ever. It bore twenty-four racemes, with a total of nine hundred and thirty flowers, and is certainly one of the finest specimens of its class ever exhibited. The Orchid Committee unanimously recommended that a Gold Medal should be awarded for such progressive good culture. They were *O. crispum excelior*, a noble large form, with a slight trace of *O. Wilckeanum* in it, and heavily-blotched sepals and petals, the petals having the smaller and more numerous spots; *O. c. xanthotes*, a unique pure-white form with a lemon-yellow base to the lip and a few almost imperceptible yellow spots on the petals; *O. c. Rex*, with finely-formed flowers with heavy, purplish-brown blotches; and *O. c. Wolstenholmiæ*, beautifully blotched and tinged with purple. The other remarkable forms of *O. crispum* were *O. c. Bonnyanum* and the prettily spotted but rather small *O. c. Chesterton*. Of the other species of *Odontoglossum*, the *Dall* variety of *O. triumphans* was very distinct, having white bases to the petals; *O. Andersonianum superbum*, a richly-spotted variety, and *O. excellens*, fine forms of *O. Peacatorei*, *O. elegans*, *O. Hallii*, &c., were well represented. Supplementing these and other fine exhibits, was a number of beautiful cut flowers of Orchids, among which were *Cypripedium Stonei*, *C. S. platyanum*, the beautiful Veitchian hybrid *Phalæopsis* × *John Seden*, with its wax-like rose-dotted flowers, *Cypripedium Lawrenceanum*, *C. Sanderianum*, *Vanda Denisoni hebraica*, &c., the whole forming a rich and beautiful collection, concerning which its genial owner must have had considerable apprehension about bringing it out in such unseasonably cold weather.

SIR TREVOR LAWRENCE, BART, Burford, Dorking (gr., Mr. W. H. White), had an equally extensive and beautiful group, the showy species being of very fine quality, and as is usual with exhibits from Burford; the botanically interesting and rarer species were well represented.

In the group the varieties of *Lælia purpurata* had a very extensive range from the light *L. p. Raselliana* to the rose-veined forms of the *L. p. Brysiana*, and in all intermediate grades. The forms of *Cattleya Mossiæ* were excellent, the pure white *C. M. Wagneri* being a very fine example. Glancing along the group, the fine specimens of *Vandas*, *Dendrobium Jamesianum*, *D. Macarthei*, *Odontoglossum citrosimum*, and other showy species, could not fail to rivet the attention; and among the rarer, and to the botanist, more attractive plants, we noted the singular *Bulbophyllum barbigerum*, with its moving, feather-like lip; *Geodorum Angusti*, with white flowers and yellow lip; *Sarcophilus Fitzgeraldii*, with pretty white flowers, spotted with pink; *Stauropsis Massaliana*, of the growth of *S. lioschiloidea*, and with large flowers of thick texture, the segments green, spotted with red, the lip with crimson lines; *Dendrobium Parishii polyphlebium*, a natural hybrid.

*Cleisostoma crassifolia*, a singular *Microstylis*, with purple flowers; *Aërides Savageanum*, with many spikes of its rose-crimson flowers; *Phaius Sanderianus*, *Angloa Ruckeri sanguinea*, with seven fine blooms; and among other rare things the white *Miltonia vexillaria* "The Fairy," *Cypripedium* × *nitidissimum*, *C. × conco-Lawre* and other rare hybrids, *Ocidium lamelligerum*, &c.

MESSRS. F. SANDER & Co., St. Albans, had a grand group, and to them belongs the credit of, at this show, bringing out the most remarkable novelties

*New Orchids, etc.*—Few new plants of modern times can vie with their *Cypripedium callosum Sanderæ*, here shown for the first time. It bears the same relation to *C. callosum* as does *C. Lawrenceanum* *Hyeannum* to its species—that is to say, it is an albino. The flower is in form as large as the best *C. callosum*, the broadly orbicular dorsal sepal snow-white, with some emerald-green lines at the base, and the rest of the flower white and emerald-green—a superb novelty which well merited the First-class Certificate awarded it. The other first-class plant was *Phaius* × *Owenianus* (*Humboldtii* ♀, *Oweniana* ♂), a beautiful hybrid, with flowers having the sepals and petals whitish, tinged with purple-brown, and broad crimson purple lip, with orange base and three orange keels up the centre. *Lælio-Cattleya Frederic Boyle* (*Cattleya Trianaei* ♀, *Lælia anceps* ♂) a most remark-

able cross. The flower was in size like a good *Lælia anceps*, but broader in the segments. The lip in its sharp division of the front from the side lobes show *L. anceps* unmistakably, although the tubular form of the lip as in *C. Triaræi* is fairly sustained. The sepals and petals were pure white, lip white, yellow at the base; the front lobe tinged and streaked with dark rose. Other remarkable novelties in Messrs. Sander's group were the richly-spotted *Odontoglossum crispum* Massangeanum; *Cattleya Mossiæ imperialis*, a noble and richly-coloured form, awarded a First-class Certificate; *Lælio-Cattleya* × *Aylingii* of unrecorded parentage, but a good companion to *L. C.* × *Arnoldiæ*; *Cattleya Mendeli picta*, a very great beauty; *C. Mendeli Queen Victoria*, *C. M. Matthew Wells*, superb, the yellow *C. Dowiana chrysozona*, *Pnais assamicus*, *P. Sanderianus*, *P. Oweniæ*, *Epidendrum atro-purpurem Randi*, &c. This large group was effectively arranged, some thirty plants of *Cœlogyne Dayana*, with their drooping spikes, placed high up at the back, and alongside were large specimens of *Thunia Marshalliana* and *Odontoglossum citrosimum*. At one end was perhaps the grandest example of *Oncidium ampliatum majus* ever grown, its numerous arching spikes being computed to bear together over 5000 flowers. Dotted here and there among other showy species were little groups of very fine *Odontoglossums*; *Miltonia vexillaria*, *Cattleya Skinneri alba*, *Epidendrum vitellinum*, &c.

His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, Syon House, Brentford (gr., Mr. Wythes), had a neat group, in the centre of which were two *Nepenthes Mastersiana*, and with them a number of excellently well-grown Orchids, comprising *Vanda teres*, *Cyrtopodium punctatum*, *Cymbidium Lowianum*, *Odontoglossum cordatum*, several good *O. crispum*, *Oncidium sphacelatum*, *Cattleya Skinneri*, &c.

At the end of the central staging, and admirably filling the space, *A. H. Smeë*, Esq., The Grange, Wallington (gr., Mr. Cummins), staged a very fine and varied group, composed principally of the fine forms of *Cattleya* for which he is noted, the best of which were *C. Mossiæ Smeë's* var., *C. M. Lendyana*, *C. M. Wagneri*, *C. M. Alfred Smeë*, and *C. M. Schroderiana*. With them were praiseworthy examples of *C. Mendeli*, *Lælia purpurata*, *Maxillaria Deppei* (with unspotted green sepals), *M. Sanderiana*, &c.

Messrs. B. S. Williams & Son, Victoria and Paradise Nurseries, Upper Holloway, N., had in the great marquee a very fine group, with a frontage of 30 feet, as well as an effective arrangement in the other tent. In this group the specimens of *Cymbidium Lowianum*, *Vanda tricolor*, *Cattleyas*, and other showy Orchids, were remarkably good and fresh. Among the more noteworthy specimens remarked were *Trichopilia lepidota*, *T. crispata*, *Zygopetalum* (Bollea) *Patini*, *Miltonia vexillaria splendens*, *Odontoglossum baphicanthum*, the true *Vanda teres Andersoni*, *Oncidium Janieriose*, *Ornithocephalus grandiflorus*, some fine *Oncidium Marshallianum*, a noble *Cypripedium caudatum*, *Lælio-Cattleya* × *elegans*, two rich golden masses of *Oncidium concolor*, and a number of *Odontoglossums*, &c., of all classes.

At the further end of the great marquee Mr. J. Cypher, Queen's Road Nursery, Cheltenham, staged in the masterly manner usual with him, one of the best groups exhibited. In it were magnificent forms of *Lælia purpurata*; one, certificated last year as *L. p. Hardyana*, is a noble white flower, with delicate lilac veining on the petals, and rich maroon lip, with lilac apex. Other forms were remarkable for the contrast between the dark colouring of the lip and the white petals, and scarcely two were quite alike. The specimens of *Miltonia vexillaria*, *Cymbidium Lowianum*, and *Cattleyas*, and especially *C. Skinneri* in Mr. Cypher's group, too, were excellent.

Walter C. Walker, Esq., Percy Lodge, Winchmore Hill (gr., Mr. G. Cragg), arranged a group of Orchids, in the centre of which was a fine *Sobralia macrantha*, around which were placed some fine *Cattleyas*, *Odontoglossums*, *Phalæopsis*, &c.

In the other tents, Messrs. W. L. Lewis & Co., Chase Side, Southgate, N., staged an effective group of Orchids, the numerous forms of *Lælia purpurata* in which not only exhibited great variation, but in many cases distinct features, and notably in *L. p. Lewisii*, whose whole flower was of an uniform soft rose colour veined with a darker tint; and *L. p. Ashtonii*, one of the most telling white forms with rich maroon lip with a wedge-like white streak up the middle. The forms of *Cattleya Mendeli*, too, were of a very superior class. *C. M. Lewisii*, a large bluish-white with bright purplish-crimson front to the lip, remarkably so. Forms of *Cattleya Mossiæ*, *Cypripedium* × *Aylingii* *superbum*, &c., and other

showy Orchids were also good in this group. Malcolm S. Cook, Esq., Kingston Hill (gr., Mr. Buckell), showed a group of *Odontoglossums*, *Oncidium macranthum*, *Epidendrum vitellinum*, &c.

Messrs. Linden, l'Horticulture Internationale, Parc Leopold, Brussels, showed *Masdevallia Harryana Victoria*, a rich vermilion-crimson form; *Miltonia vexillaria*, the small Peruvian type, *Coeliodora Noxliana* with twenty spikes; *L. C. Danielsii*, resembling *L. C. Schilleriana*, but with some appearance of *L. Perrinii* in the purple lip of its bluish white flowers; the pretty violet-spotted *Odontoglossum Pectori Lindeniæ*, and plants and cut spikes of about forty examples of their strain of *Lælia purpurata*, exhibiting great variety.

H. Shaw, Esq., Stamford House, Ashton-on-Lyne (gr., Mr. Cliff), had *Odontoglossum crispum*, *Triaræi*, *Lælia purpurata*, *Phalæopsis Manni*? and forms of *Cattleya Mossiæ*.

Fred Hardy, Esq., Tyntesfield, Ashton-on-Mersey, exhibited a noble specimen of a very fine and richly-coloured form of *Lælia purpurata*, for which a Cultural Commendation was awarded. Mr. Hardy also showed *Cypripedium bellatulum Hardy's* var., a richly-spotted form with pale yellow ground colour, *Phalæopsis speciosa*, *Hardy's* var., with brownish sepals and petals, and rose-striped lip. Mr. Hardy also showed the best large single specimen of *Cattleya Mossiæ*—a marvellous plant, a grand form of *Cattleya Skinneri*, and three good plants of *Odontoglossum crispum*.

Messrs. Charlesworth, Shuttleworth & Co., Heaton, Bradford, arranged an extensive and effective group of Orchids, in which the showy *Odontoglossums*, *Lælia purpurata*, *Cattleyas*, &c., were very fine. One large specimen of *Lælia purpurata* bore sixty-six flowers. *Odontoglossum ramosissimum*, *Oncidium Marshallianum*, *Grammatophyllum Fenzlianum*, and other showy species were also in the arrangement.

Messrs. Hugh Low & Co., Clapton, showed up well with one of the largest groups, rich in *Cattleyas* especially. *C. Mossiæ splendens* and *C. M. Prince George* were both good, and among their *Lælia purpurata* was a rich dark form of nearly equal merit with *L. purpurata Lowii*. *Zygopetalum grandiflorum*, a very handsome and rare plant, also appeared in Messrs. Low's group, which contained many good *Cypripedium bellatulum*, *C. × Schroderæ*, *Miltonia Roezlii*, *Masdevallias*, *Odontoglossums*, &c.

Welbore S. Ellis, Esq., Hazelbourne, Dorking (gr., Mr. Masterton), had a very pretty arrangement composed principally of a distinct class of *Odontoglossum crispum* imported direct by Mr. Ellis. The flowers are very clear white, neat in form, and the spotted varieties are richly marked. With them were good *Miltonia vexillaria*, *M. Warszewiczii*, *Odontoglossum Ruckerianum*, *Cymbidium tigrinum* with six spikes, *Lælia purpurata*, &c.

Mr. McArthur, the London Nurseries, Maiden Vale, W., had a group in which the centre was formed by a noble plant of a good variety of *Lælia tenebrosa*, with over forty bulbs and five flower-spikes. Other noteworthy plants were *Cypripedium Chamberlainianum macranthum*, *Odontoglossum nebulosum album*, *Lælio-Cattleya* × *Schilleriana*, a pretty light form of it; *Lælia purpurata Victoria*, very handsome, *Cypripedium bellatulum nigrum*, with large nearly black blotches; good *Miltonia vexillaria*, *Oncidium macranthum*, &c.

W. R. Lee, Esq., Beach Lawn, Audenshaw, Manchester (gr., Mr. T. Billington), showed the pretty yellow *Lælio-Cattleya* × *Phœbe* and *Cypripedium* × *Winifred Hollington*, both very fine things, previously described. Chas. Young, Esq., The Thorns, Sevenoaks (gr., Mr. S. Ryder), showed *Odontoglossum Andersonianum*, *Young's* var., a very finely formed richly spotted flower. R. I. Measures, Esq., Cambridge Lodge, Camberwell (gr., Mr. Chapman), exhibited *Miltonia vexillaria*, *Cambridge Lodge* var., in which the petals partake much of the character of the lip (trilabella), and *Miltonia Measuresiana*, a probable hybrid of *M. flavescens*.

M. Jules Hye-Leyen, Coupure, Gand, had a most interesting exhibit in *Odontoglossum Vavilstekeanum*, a nobly-grown plant, as most of M. Hye's Orchids are. It bore three spikes of clear yellow and white flowers, unique in form and colour (First-class Certificate); also a fine spike of a good *Lælio-Cattleya elegans*.

M. A. A. Peeter, St. Gilles, Brussels, showed the beautiful *Odontoglossum crispum Caputianum*, a handsome variety, with heavily-blotched flowers, also washed with rose-purple; and a very handsomely-spotted *O. crispum guttatum*.

Mr. Vincke Dujardin, Scheepedaal, Bruges, had a group of a very fine strain of *Odontoglossum*

*crispum*, some of them very fine forms, several handsomely spotted, and one with a bright rose tint over the whole flower.

## GROUPS.

Messrs. W. Catbush & Son, Highgate, N., put up a group of miscellaneous plants, including the now pretty well known *Cytisus scoparius*, var. *Andreasus*, an enormous specimen of *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora*, a number of small *Ericas* of the *ventricosa* varieties, *Erica Cavendishiana*, *Azalea indica*, *Leschenaultia biloba major*, a plant becoming less rare in gardens; *Pimeleas*, *Kalosanthes* in several varieties, grown of very dwarf stature, and a quantity of small greenhouse plants as filling and bordering subjects.

The back ground of the group consisted of Palms, *Dracænas*, &c., *D. Doucetti* formed solitary plants dotted here and there to avert as much as could be done the monotony of this style of grouping.

Messrs. J. Veitch & Sons arranged a large group of interesting flowering and foliage subjects, consisting chiefly of quite hardy plants. Conspicuous plants were those employed for dotting about, viz., the well-flowered *Lilium giganteum*, *L. longiflorum*, *Clethra alnifolia*, and *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora*; as also *Indigofera Gerardiana* var. *floribunda*, a purple-flowered leguminous plant; *Chionanthus retusus*, *Andromeda speciosa cassiniifolia*, a quantity of *Cytisus scoparius Andreasus*, grown as tall standards; *C. s. præcox*, and *C. triflorus*, and in the same manner as *C. s. Andreasus*, *Viburnum opulus*; *Eremurus himalaicus*, a gigantic white-flowered species, and *Fabiana imbricata*, an old white-flowered plant, too rarely seen in gardens. Colour was given the group by massing *Rhododendron hybridum*, *Meteor*, *R. John Walter*, *Azalea rustica* in variety, *A. roseiflora*, *A. Daviesi*. The coloured foliage consisted chiefly of *Prunus Pissardi*, *Acer negundo variegata*, and *A. palmatum* in variety. *Magnolia Watsoni*, a white-flowered species; *M. parviflora*, also white, with purple-brown anthers, and 4 inches across the fully-opened flower—a fine thing—were also shown.

Messrs. E. D. Shuttleworth & Co., Peckham and Fleet, arranged a group to fill the space at the end of the marquee between the entrances. This consisted of closely-packed finely proportioned vigorous Palms, *Cycas revoluta*, *Caladiums* in variety, *Araucaria excelsa*, *Colens*, with an edging of small plants of various kinds.

Messrs. J. Laing & Sons, Forest Hill, London, S.E., had a very tastefully-arranged group of miscellaneous stove and greenhouse plants, Orchids, *Nepenthes*, *Caladiums*, *Crotons*, *Dracænas*, *Anthurium*, &c., adding to the attractiveness of the exhibit. A similar group, and adjoining this one, was staged by Messrs. J. Peed & Sons, Roupell Park Nurseries, Norwood, the face of which was particularly gay with a large number of plants in flower.

ROSES.—These plants furnished of themselves a delightful part of the show, and being grouped at intervals round the sides of the marquee. One of the best displays was that made by Messrs. W. Paul & Son, Waltham Cross, a group of plants in pots furnished in the front with boxes of cut Roses. These plants were not old "stagers," but vigorous young ones in pots, generally of not more than a foot in diameter, with foliage healthy and good, if just a trifle too scanty. A method of grouping together of certain extra good or showy varieties was pursued. Of these so treated was the new variety, *Clio*; *Danemarek*, a massive flower, well-formed, pink in colour; *Duchess of Albany*, similar in build to the preceding variety, but of a deeper shade of pink; *Alfred Colomb*, *Crimson Queen*, *Comte de Montmartre*, a flattish flower, not altogether satisfactory as seen; *Masterpiece*, a very double purplish-crimson *H.P.*; and *Françoise Levet*, &c.

Messrs. Paul & Son, The Old Nurseries, Cheshunt, put up a very showy group of large and small plants, as standards and bushes, conspicuous among them being the examples of *Madame de Wattsville*, *Innocente Pirola*, *Merveille de Lyon*, *Captain Haywood*, a bright crimson flower, of good dimensions and form; *Maréchal Niel*, *Ulrich Brunner*, *Centifolia rosea*, *Crimson Queen*, *Perle d'Or*, *Charles Gater*, *Georges Pernet* (polyantha), *Mrs. Paul*, *Madame Montchevaux*, and *Violet Bouyer*—an altogether excellent grown and flowered lot of Roses.

Messrs. G. Jackson & Son, nurserymen, Woking, showed twelve *Roses* in pots, mostly large well-bloomed examples; *Madame Lacharme*, *Duchess de Morny*, and *Comtesse de Serenye*, were the most noteworthy.

Mr. W. Rumsey, Joynings Nursery, Waltham Cross, showed a good-sized group of finely-bloomed