

surpassed by those provided at any assembly of a like kind that has taken place within the City Hall.

But, notwithstanding the excellence of the programme, your Board have to acknowledge that the amount received was very small, as the nett proceeds did not exceed £13 9s. 6d., including the £5 presented by the Lady Mayoress.

Your Board would not have entered so fully into the details just given, had they not a good object in so doing, which is, to draw your attention to this mode of raising funds, and to suggest what they consider a better expedient.

When the Board is without funds to meet current expenses, the first course open to them is to collect what is due from delinquent subscribers, a task which has always been of great difficulty and will always continue so to be until the 8th clause of the 2nd Section of Rules and Regulations — viz. : “ If the dues of any member remain unpaid for the term of six months, and on his being notified thereof by the Secretary, the same be not liquidated within the space of one month, his privileges of membership shall be forfeited, unless circumstances exist which may allow of his being excused by the Board of Directors ” — be strenuously enforced.

The next course is to appeal to the liberality of the members for a voluntary subscription, which at 1s. 3d. each, would give say £25.

Would not this be a better course to pursue, than to induce members to pay 10s. or 12s 6d. for a festival, of which the Association reaps but from 7½d. to 1s 3d. profit ? for as the Association numbers, say, 442 members, (exclusive of life and honorary members) the nett proceeds of the late festival, divided among them, amounts to only about 7½d each.

At the last annual meeting for the election of officers, a Resolution was passed appointing a Special Committee