

ladies and gentlemen paid a visit to the Exhibition on one of the evenings it was open, by invitation. They were received by the president and other officers of the Association, and all seemed pleased and surprised at the magnificent and varied display that met their view.

The books have been audited by Messrs. Maxwell and Dunlop, and a financial statement of the affairs of the Society is annexed showing a balance of cash on hand of \$106.68, exclusive of any members' fees that have been collected for the coming year.

The Society's affairs have been conducted as economically as possible, but with an Association so active and almost constantly engaged in prosecuting some branch of their work, the outlay is necessarily very considerable. If the Society's work could only be spread out evenly over the year, a man would find himself pretty well employed for two-thirds of the time or more.

Mr. George A. Cochrane, a former resident of this city, has brought to the notice of the Society some patent cases of his invention for the proper preservation and safe carriage of the most delicate fruits to the English markets. The pears now shown to this meeting were put away on the 23rd of the month of September, and are apparently in beautiful condition. The apples were, I believe, put away about the same time. The tomatoes were put away on the 24th of September, but as they were taken out of baskets plucked for market, and were somewhat injured by frost, they are not in as good a condition as the other fruit. Mr. Cochrane says that the discoloration at the end is a disease caused by the accumulation of carbonic acid gas in the place where they were kept. Mr. Cochrane states that he has transported melons, tomatoes, and such like delicate fruit to the London market the past summer in perfect condition. We hope to have an address from this gentleman shortly, to the members of the Society, on the proper handling of fruit for the foreign markets, on which subject we have much to learn.

Gratifying as is the large membership of the Society the past year, I am convinced that, with a vigorous effort, the membership could be placed at one thousand. This would entail a