

report, viz., library expenses, this year amounting to \$83.42, and postage, largely for reports, \$74.80. The idea of publishing these reports originated, I believe, with Mr. Charles Gibb, but I certainly think it would be better to curtail in some other direction, rather than abandon their publication. They are needed, and it gives the Society a name and prestige, unattainable in any other way.

Not only the Society, but the country, may be proud of having among its citizens a gentleman so devoted to the advancement of horticultural pursuits as Mr. Charles Gibb. This gentleman has been for several months absent in Europe accompanied by Prof. Budd, of Iowa, with a view to examining the fruits grown in different parts of Russia, Poland, &c. Mr. Gibb has undertaken this important journey of his own accord, the Provincial Government, the High Commissioner and this Society giving him credentials to assist him in getting proper information and assistance in the objects he has in view. It is pretty certain that he has made some valuable discoveries of cherries, plums, pears and apples, likely to do well if introduced into some sections of this country, where such fruit has not hitherto been grown. It is probable that the results of his observations will appear in the next report of the Society. So much interest, however, has been excited in Russia by the visit of these gentlemen that it is probable a commissioner will be appointed to visit this country and the United States next year. The Society's affairs have been managed with as much economy as possible, consistent with its proper working, and though the apparent cash balance is small it is in a position to pay all liabilities, and if the amount of the claim for publishing the last three reports could only be obtained from the Government the Society would be in a first-rate position. The sum of \$133.26 has been expended this year on plant, and it almost seems as if nothing more of that sort was wanted. Owing to the constantly increasing size of the exhibitions it is impossible to conduct them without considerable expense for labor, &c. The careful manner in which the Society's property is put away and looked after, however, amply compensates for this.