

providing the preliminary expenses necessary for the holding of our Shows. As the expenses will not have again to be met, we trust by prudent management and keeping our prize lists within our legitimate resources, to come out hereafter with a clean sheet. We regret to say that we find great difficulty in working that part of the Constitution which holds members from year to year, until they give notice of withdrawal in writing. Not only has it been exceedingly difficult to collect the amount of these annual subscriptions from such members, but counting those subscriptions among our assets has put the directorate in a wrong light towards the members, as our position financially has appeared better than it should have done, and a large part of the receipts of one year had to go to provide for the fees of these nominal members whose subscriptions were never paid. The writer has this year taken the responsibility of striking out all such names and counting only those as members whose fees are paid in advance.

In conclusion, we trust that the Council may find it possible to continue the \$100 grant, so that we may not be obliged to curtail our Prize List to any further extent and so lessen the interest that has been awakened among our fruit growing community, but that the work so auspiciously commenced may be carried on with still greater success, till every hillside and valley shall be stocked with the choicest varieties of fruit-bearing vines and trees, and every wayside home be made attractive by well-kept grounds and neatly cultivated flowers.

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