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Of the present meeting I have only to say that we are again under obligation to several gentlemen who have kindly consented to address us. I regret very much that owing to pressure of other engagements, several gentlemen from whom we had expected to hear with a great deal of pleasure, have been obliged to defer their addresses till some future meeting.

After the adoption of the financial statement and Auditors' report, the PRESIDENT's report was read as follows :

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

FELLOW WORKERS.—With thankfulness to the Giver of all Good I again address you. As an Association of Fruit Growers we have special cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His favor shewn to us in blessing the labours of our hands in the line which comes immediately under our notice, as well as in other kindred lines. Though our fruit harvest was not large, yet we have had enough for home consumption and a goodly quantity for export to supply the needs of those not so highly favored as ourselves.

While the quantity of fruit raised in Nova Scotia was not so great in the past year as it has been in some other years, the quality was exceptionally good, and the prices realized give a remunerative margin of profit to the producers.

Although some were troubled with the depredations of insects and injurious fungi, in general there was less damage done from these causes than usual. We may under Providence have still greater freedom from these enemies, but at the price of greater watchfulness and by calling to our aid the assistance which nature and science have put within our reach. Let us give increased accommodation to our bird friends; drive away the small boy with the shot gun or the ever ready stone; keep the domestic cat in her proper place, near the domestic hearth stone, forbidding her the run of the orchard and the fruit garden; use freely the force pump with the various insecticides suited to our needs; give the roots of plant and vine and bush and tree abundance of nourishment and suitable culture; regulate heart and lip and life by the rules laid down in the great Book of Life, and He who placed our first parents in a garden "to dress it and to keep

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