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I believe we may feel well assured that our Society is growing in favor and interest in this County, from the fact that our members' list is the largest yet attained since its organization, and that taking into consideration the very unfavorable fruit season, the Annual Exhibition was successful in bringing together a much finer and larger display than was expected.

The total number of plates, though not so large (341) as years before, may be accounted for in some measure from the limiting of collections to twenty (20) plates.

The finest specimens, however, were found in the class of single plates of five. The Alexander, from its "good" looks, taking the lead, closely followed by the Duchess; the Fameuse and Golden Russet coming next. The Golden Russet was shown by eighteen (18) members, and I have no hesitation in recommending it for general planting, for profit. The tree is, perhaps, not as hardy as the Fameuse; yet in good ground does well—is an early bearer of medium-sized "clean" fruit. It will keep till June. Care should be taken not to force the tree either in nursery or orchard. Canada Baldwin, Peach, Blue Pearmain, Talmans' Sweet, and many other varieties were shown in good numbers, but rather under-sized, evidently affected by the bad season. Of the newer varieties one plate only of the Wealthy was on the table. Grapes were in fair numbers, but again the season was against them, many of the varieties being quite unripe, the largest collection being shown by Mr. Pattison, of Clarenceville, numbering upwards of thirty distinct varieties. The Flower and Vegetable Department were filled to repletion with specimens of unusual excellence.