

complaint, and it is the duty of the Society to see if the difficulty cannot be overcome, as doubtless, owing to this cause, some are deterred from exhibiting and the show suffers in consequence. I would suggest that in certain designated sections the amount of the prize be somewhat lowered if necessary, and that the Society pay the cost of conveyance to and from the Exhibition, but only on condition that the plants be placed in their proper sections in the building not later than the day before the Exhibition opens. Such a scheme would, I think, be of great advantage to the Society, as large exhibitors find it almost impossible to get their things in order in time—in fact, the Judges are almost always two hours later in commencing their duties than the time specified. The entries for the show this year were 1,061, being the largest number ever made, and requiring about 4,000 square feet of table room to accommodate them. Unfortunately, owing to a concert taking place in the building on the previous Saturday night, the Society did not obtain possession till the day before the show opened, and it required the greatest efforts to get things into order in one day, and then only by working from one in the morning till one the next. The Society requires to be in possession of the building at least two days previous to the exhibition, for it may not always be possible to obtain men so able and willing to second your Secretary as those employed the past year.

The Society has procured three hundred trestles at a cost of \$96—a thing that has been much wanted for several years past. As they are some six inches lower than those formerly in use, the large plants looked much better this year than formerly, and it would probably be an improvement if the trestles were made still lower.

The display of cut bloom this year was good, and a very noticeable improvement was apparent in the way in which it was shown. The estimates for the size of boxes, published with the prize list, were a little astray, but measurements were taken during the Exhibition, and it is hoped that proper trays and phials may be procured by the Society at a very moderate cost for the use of the exhibitors another year.