

The Association is under obligation to the several gentlemen, who, by their addresses and efforts in many ways, contributed so largely to the success and interest of our meetings.

The annual membership shows some increase over the previous year, but is still far too small.

The meeting of the American Pomological Society at Boston in September last, was attended by four members of this Association, viz. : The President, R. W. Starr, Ross Chipman, and your Secretary. The meeting was not as largely attended as might have been expected, and while several valuable and interesting papers were read and discussed, the absence of Secretary Garfield and the loss of President Wilder seemed to have deprived the Society of its main springs, and left vacancies that will be hard to fill. Our President remained until the close of the meetings, and was privileged to enjoy the hospitality offered by the city and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. From an account of the banquet given by the letter which appeared in the *Boston Herald* the next morning, we clipped the following :

Rev. Mr. Hart of Nova Scotia responded for the "Dominion of Canada." He claimed to be a descendant of the Tories who fled from Boston about the time of the Boston tea party, and he now comes back to another tea party where the international feeling is more amicable. Nova Scotia, he claimed, had made vast improvements in the fruits that had their origin in Massachusetts. He had seen better Baldwin apples and better Bartlett pears in his own country than he had ever seen here.

Several members of the Association took an active part in connection with the exhibition at Windsor last Autumn, but the Association as a body took no active part or responsibility in any exhibition further than to suggest the names of suitable parties to act as judges on fruit, the suggestion having been made at the request of the executive committee of the exhibition, but it so happened that some of the parties recommended could not attend and others had to be substituted.

It is a matter of very great regret that unavoidable delays have prevented the publication of last year's Transactions up to the present time. Every effort has been made to have the volume ready for distribution at this meeting, but without success. However, the last of the proof sheets have been returned to the printer, and it only