

Ontario Society of Artists.

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THE month of May again brings this Society to the close of another year, which can scarcely be classed as eventful in its history.

Still it has not been unmarked by a fair amount of success, especially when the very general commercial and industrial dullness throughout the world, and more especially on this continent, is taken into account.

One encouraging circumstance has been the decided increase of interest in and respect for the Society by parties outside its ranks.

This is clearly evinced by the several applications coming from parties in different parts of the Dominion for exhibitions. That held last spring in Owen Sound being fairly successful and resulting in the sale of several works.

Applications looking towards similar undertakings¹ were received from Mr. Bruce, of Collingwood, representing certain social circles in that town, also from the Rev. Mr. Green, of Orillia, as well as one from Peterboro.

Arrangements have also been nearly concluded for holding an exhibition in Winnipeg next July, in connection with the Agricultural and Arts Association of that city, practically without incurring any expense. These are tangible evidence of the usefulness of our organization as well as of the growing recognition of its public importance, and it is matter at the same time for regret that we are unable to incur expense in carrying out all or any of these proposals, as the very limited revenue of the Society precludes it.