

I trust, will enable us to follow it up, by regular periodical Shows and Fairs in different parts of the Province, hereafter. But these exhibitions are, I find by experience, attended with a heavy expense to get them up and carry them through in a way to do credit to the country, and to make them so attractive as to draw the attendance, not only of people from all the distant parts of the Province, but also of strangers from other countries—the latter I consider an object of great importance.

“It will be seen by the proceedings at the quarterly general meeting of the Society, held on the 7th of April last, that for the reasons therein stated it was determined that it should be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee to make such appropriations for the different objects then in view, including the Exhibition, as they might deem expedient, under the circumstances, which would have to be governed by the amount of funds they might receive, and all the funds of the Society were thereby placed at our disposal to carry out the objects in view. The private subscriptions from the different Counties proved but of trifling amount, except in the County of York, but liberal grants were made from several County and District Agricultural Societies, out of their respective funds, in aid of the undertaking, which in some measure made up for the want of private subscriptions. These, with the Legislative grants, and the money received for entrance tickets, have supplied us with funds sufficient to cover all the expenses of the Society for the year, with a small surplus, as will be seen by the Treasurer's account.

“Among the expenses of the year it will be seen, that in addition to what the Exhibition itself has cost, a heavy item in the expenditure is for printing, which the interests of the Society necessarily required. The last number of our Journal consisted of 125 pages, and 4,000 copies were printed for gratuitous distribution; and the amount of premiums awarded, also forms a large item in the expenditure. But great as the expense has been, I trust when you consider the beneficial results, you will think the money has been usefully applied, and that we have not abused the trust confided to us. It must also be recollected that a large portion of the expense incurred in the erection and ornamenting of the buildings for the Exhibition in a way to make them attractive, has been paid back by the amount received for entrance tickets. But still we are not prepared to recommend the repetition of such Exhibitions oftener than once in every three years, not only on account of the heavy expense, but also from the timely notice to parties intending to compete, required, to prepare for the same, and also for the additional reason, that they would lose their attraction and effect by being repeated at periods too close together; and I should strongly recommend that, in future, the time and place