

The Committee regret that so many Englishmen and persons entitled to become members of the Society, still refrain from joining their countrymen in a work which cannot but be considered as good and praiseworthy, whether as regards its charitable objects, or the promotion of that mutual and friendly intercourse between our countrymen, which is expressly stated in the Society's by-laws to be one of its principal objects.

The Committee, on a careful consideration of the Society's ways and means, of its funded property, and of its probable income from members' subscriptions, and the surplus to be anticipated from its annual entertainments, cannot conceal the fact, that with the exception of the small income derived from its permanent funded property, all its resources are of a very precarious nature, and depend on the personal and continual exertions of its officers and members, and on the interest which the inhabitants of the city take in the Society, and the confidence they feel in the trustworthy and judicious management of its affairs. This interest and confidence can only be kept alive by a simple and plain statement of the Society's transactions on all occasions; and the Committee would therefore suggest that an account of the total weekly expenditure in charity during the past year, and of the distribution at Christmas, be prepared and inserted in the *Globe* and *Leader*, in anticipation of, and in addition to, the usual annual printed Report.

It would be well to add the cordial thanks of the Society for the liberal contributions accorded them by the public; contributions to such an extent as to justify a remark made at the close of last year's Report:—"That the Society holds a high place in public estimation;" and, in order to keep this high place, the Committee feel that the continued and systematic exertions on the part of all the members are very essential. Were every member to induce another Englishman to join our ranks, the result would be very important to our financial condition.

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