

# Ontario Society of Artists

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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✦ **W**HEN we consider the events which have occurred in the art world of this continent during the year which, by our custom, closes to-night, it must be regarded as a season of note, and one in which progress might be looked for. The great collection of the world's art which at its beginning was gathered almost at our doors was, of course, the principle feature, and seemed to absorb the chief interest of members of our profession, as was but natural, taking into account our rather isolated position in ordinary times. That such an opportunity was not neglected, and that it has at least borne some fruit I think our present exhibition gives fair evidence in great improvements in the work of some of our members. We also may fairly congratulate ourselves on the award of two World's Fair medals to members in the persons of Mr. George Reid and Mr. F. C. V. Ede, while the bulk of the sales effected in the Canadian Gallery were of works by members of the Ontario Society of Artists.

It is, too, ground for the highest satisfaction, to recognize that Mr. Reid's great work "The Foreclosure of the Mortgage," was received with such marked distinction while in competition with the world, a fact which should go far towards lifting