

Premiums. Heretofore the premiums have been necessarily small. They need be so no longer.

The receipts at the gate this year have been between \$700 and \$800.

On Thursday, at 12 o'clock, the assemblage was briefly addressed by Messrs. E. L. Winslow, and Jas. Banks. We regret that our duties elsewhere detained us from the ground until after these addresses had been delivered.

On Friday at 1 o'clock, the list of Premiums was read by Mr. Winslow, prefaced by some appropriate remarks.

Among the interesting incidents of the occasion, was a procession of the hundred and odd Students of the Fayetteville Female High School, escorted by the Independent Company, from the School Building to the Fair Grounds, to which they had been invited. It was a beautiful sight, full of pleasant associations to the friends of our town. May the prosperity of the two Institutions be perpetual! Should they exist as long as the Independent Company has, and retain so large a share of the public regard, the present generation, at least, will have no reason to complain.

On Thursday evening the Agricultural Society held its annual meeting,—Col. A. S. McNeill, first Vice President, in the Chair, and Mr. John P. McLean, Secretary.

Reports from Committees appointed at the last meeting were received. One from Wm. McMillan, Esq., on the culture of Corn on sand-hill land, the result being 48½ bushels to the acre. Another from Joel Williams, Esq., on Grasses. Mr. W. had made an average of 5032 lbs. of cured hay to the acre on four acres. Another from Col. McNeill on the Red Top, or Herd's grass, with which he has been experimenting, not very successfully this year, but with the promise of abundant success for the year to come. Another report from John C. Smith, Esq., on his experiments in Oats, obtaining a double yield from his application of manure.

Other reports by Mr. T. J. Robinson, and Mr. J. P. McLean, on their modes of cultivating Irish potatoes, and their success. A good deal of discussion took place on these and other matters between the above gentlemen and Messrs. E. L. Winslow, A. A. McKethan, Jas. Banks, John Waddill, John Elliott, W. McL. McKay, Jas. G. Cook, E. J. Hale, and others.

Resolutions were adopted and ordered to be published, expressive of the feelings of the Society, at the recent death of its President, HENRY ELLIOT, Esq.

Resolutions of thanks were also adopted to those who had contributed articles for exhibition, and especially to those from other counties.

And a very decided expression of thanks and grat-

tude to the Executive Committee for the invaluable services of its Chairman and various members.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

JOEL WILLIAMS, Esq., President.

Col. A. S. McNeill,

JONA EVANS, Esq.,

JOHN A. WILLIAMS, Esq.,

JOHN P. McLEAN, Sec'y. and Treasurer.

} Vice Presidents.

Messrs. E. L. Winslow, A. A. McKethan, E. W. Barge, J. A. Williams, Wm. McMillan, Jno. Waddill, Wm. Cade, John P. McLean, Jesse Carver, T. J. Robinson, Hugh McLean, John McKellar, John C. Smith, Executive Committee.

The next annual meeting will take place during the next Fair, the time of which will be fixed by the Executive Committee. But a meeting of the Society will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening the 5th inst.—*Fayetteville Observer, Dec. 3d.*

From the Fayetteville Observer.

#### FAIRS.

THE extent to which these exhibitions of agricultural, mechanical, and domestic industry are carried, throughout the country, is truly astonishing. The Agricultural Fair at Boston was visited by two hundred thousand persons, and the receipts for entrance money, at 25 cents each, were nearly \$50,000. The Fair of the American Institute, in New York city, which is more mechanical than agricultural, has already been visited by upwards of 100,000 persons. It is held in the Crystal Palace, which is found to be so admirably adapted to the purpose, that an effort is making to purchase it for the Institute. The price is \$200,000. We shall be glad to find the building preserved for some useful purpose, for it is worth a visit of itself, as an architectural curiosity.

We hope that public spirited individuals in all parts of this State will take care to keep alive the interest in the annual State and County Fairs.—They are as yet comparatively small exhibitions and small assemblages of people; but so at first were those of New York and Massachusetts. And altho' we may not hope to rival their present greatness, there cannot be a doubt of the good effected by even what has already been done. The best and wisest and most eloquent men in the State should be called upon to deliver Addresses; and every man or woman who has anything good of its kind, ought to show it, not so much as a matter of pride as for the encouragement of his or her neighbors to produce like excellent things. In this way better modes and implements of tillage will be diffused, the quantity and quality of crops improved, better stock raised, comfort and elegance in household economy be pro-