

claim of One guinea has been paid by the underwriters at Lloyds no other claim has yet been made. The exhibits lent were insured for the sum of £57,437 and this included £5,000 upon the objects lent by H. M. The King, one of which the M.S. of Handel's Messiah was of course of exceptional value. We desire to express our obligations to Lord Knollys, His Majesty's Private Secretary, and to Sir Walter Parratt, His Majesty's Master of Music, for the trouble taken by them in connection with His Majesty's Exhibits.

The total number of lenders was 193, and at the close of the Exhibition a suitable letter of thanks signed by the Chairman was sent to each. His Majesty was pleased to command that the Company should be especially thanked for the vote of thanks accorded to him.

The cost of hiring and arranging the cases exceeds to some extent what your Hon. Secretaries anticipated; but having regard to the short time in which every thing had to be done and the many hands that had to be employed we think the expense is not excessive.

On the other hand the cost of carriage amounts to considerably less than the sum estimated, and this is mainly explained by the fact that many lenders brought their exhibits in person, and fetched them away at the close.

Between Seven and eight thousand persons visited the Exhibition during the 3 weeks for which it remained open and £224. 12. 6 was taken at the entrance for admission.

Season and complimentary tickets were also issued. Every Exhibitor and every Member of the Company received a free Pass.

The sum of £48. 2. 0 was received for catalogues sold at the Exhibition.