

that the Society would aid them - each - in the promotion of their business projects - they had no intention of spending their money for the good of a thankless public - they desired that the benefits of the Society should accrue to those, exclusively, who bore the expense - they were unwilling to become liable for a debt of uncertain amount - in short they wanted the very reverse of what the Society was - a strictly trading instead of a "non trading" Society.

Such was the result. At the end of the first year not one in twenty of the members would renew his subscription. Meanwhile, and ever since June 1872 - I have urged upon the London Directors the absolute necessity of making the Society practical of meeting the views of St Louisans - which, I believe, are the views of the people of the entire valley. I received assurances from Mr Griffing and others that those views would in due time be concurred in by the London Board. Depending on these assurances I remained at my post, as Secretary of the St Louis Branch, till I reduced myself to poverty. After pursuing the matter on the attention of the Society for more than two years and a half - the last eight months in London - I have the tardy satisfaction to find that my views have been, in part, adopted by the London Board. I now await payment for my services, after which - if suitable arrangements be made,