

LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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ANNUAL MEETING, 9TH JANUARY, 1884.

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The Council of the Literary and Historical Society have the honour to submit the following report of the working of the society, since the last annual general meeting :—

They note with regret the loss, by death, of three prominent members, viz., Mr. H. S. Scott, who was one of the oldest, most zealous and devoted members, and for several years one of the Vice-Presidents ; of Dr. James Sewell, who was a life member, and Mr. Justice Alleyn.

During the year there were ten resignations, and six members have removed from the city, while on the other hand twenty new names have been added to the list, and five corresponding members have been elected.

The following papers were read before the society during the past year, viz :—

February 2, 1883, "Great explorers before Columbus," by John Reade, F.R.S.C., (Montreal.)

February 23, 1883, "Origin and development of the Greek Drama," by John Harper, M.A., Ph. D.

March 7, 1883, "Genius and Life-Work of Longfellow," by George Stewart, jr., F.R.S.C.

December 7, 1883, "Naples," by Hon. D. A. Ross, Q.C.

The Library has been increased by the addition of 200 volumes, which have been carefully selected, and the books have been re-arranged, so that greater facility in finding books in the departments to which they belong has been

arrived at ; further details in this particular will be found in the Librarian's report.

During the past year our Library was considerably enriched by valuable donations of maps and charts, etc., from the Smithsonian Institute and other friends, and several important gifts and exchanges have been added to the Museum.

The Treasurer's report shows the funds of the society to be in a highly satisfactory condition.

The retiring Council would recommend that certain issues of the Transactions and Historical Documents already published by the society, but now out of print, should be republished.

Your Council joined with many other societies in a congratulatory address to the well known philanthropist, Sir Moses Montifiore, on his entrance upon his 100th year, and forwarded the same by a recent mail.

The members must have observed with great pleasure and satisfaction the improved light in the rooms during the evenings. The Council and members are indebted to the kindness and generosity of an associate member, Mr. R. R. Dobell, for the new reflector and lamp, which he gave to the society early in the season.

The lease of the present spacious rooms was continued on the same terms, and the society has reason to congratulate itself in having its Library in such a commodious and central locality.

The Librarian, Mr. F. C. Wurtele, then submitted the following report :—

The Librarian in submitting his report at the expiration of his second term of office, is pleased to say that there has been no falling off in the number of members using the Library and rooms of the society. Two hundred and nineteen members have availed themselves of the privilege of

taking out books, and the number taken out during the past year has been four hundred and forty-five volumes more than in the previous year.

The issues during the year have been 3,018 volumes. The number of volumes remaining out overtime at the close of this year is two hundred and thirty-six. The members are reminded that the limit for keeping out books is 14 days, and also that no one is allowed to have more than two volumes at one time without special permission. There have been two hundred and seventy-four volumes added to the Library as by appended lists—one hundred and sixty by purchase, the remainder comprise twenty-six bound volumes and one hundred and nine unbound, and maps by donation and exchange. The number of periodicals, bound or otherwise, issued, has been 1,101, : the most in request have been *Cornhill*, *All the Year Round*, *Chambers' Journal*, and *Harper's Magazine*. The *Popular Science Monthly*, subscribed to for the first time this year, is well liked and will prove to be one of the favourite magazines on the table. Nearly all the books on the shelves have been re-arranged, and, where it could be done some new shelving has been put in, but still more room is desirable. In examining the stock of the society's publications it is found that some numbers have been all disposed of. It would be advisable to reprint, when practicable, such of the Transactions and Historical Documents as are out of print, thereby increasing the demand for them, when it is known that full sets can be supplied.

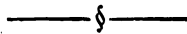
Quebec, 31st December, 1883.

Messrs. Gustavus G. Stuart and Lorenzo Evans were then appointed scrutineers, and the election of officers, for the ensuing year, was then proceeded with, the following gentlemen being elected:—

<i>President</i>	Hon. D. A. Ross, Q.C.
<i>1st Vice-President</i>	George Stewart, Jr., F.R.S.C.
<i>2nd</i> “	W. Hossack.
<i>3rd</i> “	J. Whitehead.
<i>4th</i> “	C. Tessier.
<i>Treasurer</i>	E. Pope.
<i>Librarian</i>	F. C. Wurtele.
<i>Recording-Secretary</i>	J. F. Belleau.
<i>Corresponding-Secretary</i> ...	F. H. Oliver.
<i>Council Secretary</i>	A. Robertson.
<i>Curator of Museum</i>	J. U. Gregory.
<i>Curator of Apparatus</i>	R. McLeod.

Additional members of Council.—J. M. LeMoine, F.R.S.C.,
W. Clint, J. Harper, Ph. D., Gustavus G. Stuart.

It was moved by Mr. G. G. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Wm.
Hossack, that the reports be adopted and published.



Annual Meeting of the Literary and Historical Society,
14th January, 1885.

Quebec, 14th January, 1885.

The Council of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec have the honour to report as follows :—

They regret that for the first time for many years past the usual pecuniary aid has not been extended to them by the Provincial government.

They are not conscious of having failed throughout all those years in judiciously applying towards the fulfilment of the duties which they owe to the promoters of this institution and the public, those funds which have been hitherto so generously bestowed upon them.

The subject which must now be discussed is whether we shall seek to maintain our present freedom from debt by means of a higher annual subscription, or by adhering for some time longer to the present rate in the hope that an increase in the roll of membership may enable us to overcome the threatened difficulty.

We have certainly reduced our expenditure to a minimum, in accordance with the well-considered and fully-discussed suggestions of a committee specially appointed for the purpose of devising a practical mode of accommodating our new arrangements to our altered financial position.

This year we have to deplore the decease of three of our members and most excellent citizens, Messrs. MacLean Stewart, J. B. Renaud and J. Brown, Jnr.

On the twentieth of May last, Dr. Harper, a distinguished member of this institution, attended on our behalf the meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, and submitted a report.

The opening lecture for the session of 1884-85 was delivered by the President.

The following papers were read before the society during the past year :—

February 18 :—Literature and Science, by Matthew Arnold, Esq., D.C.L., of London, England.

February 25 :—History and Formation of the French language, by Prof. DeKastner.

March 11 :—New France from the first administration of Frontenac to the Massacre of Lachine, by George Stewart, Jr., Esq , 1st Vice-President.

December 16 :—King Edward the First, by Hon. D. A. Ross, President.

Matthew Arnold, Esq., D.C.L., of England, was elected an honorary, and R. A. Brock, Esq., of Richmond, Virginia, a corresponding member of this society.

The Treasurer, Mr. Edwin Pope, then submitted the statement of accounts as follows :—

Quebec, January 13th, 1885.

The Treasurer begs to report, as follows :—

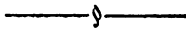
The number of Associate members at the beginning of 1884, was....	261
There were elected during the year.....	23
The number withdrawn was.....	45
The number now on the rolls is,—	
Associates.....	239
Honorary.....	23
Corresponding.....	42

An abstract of receipts and disbursements is appended. Over five hundred dollars of the disbursements represent accounts of 1883, which were paid out of the Government grant for that year, shown on the credit side of the account.

It is to be hoped that the Government will be able to renew the grant to the society which was withdrawn last year.

Subscriptions due by Associate members for 1884, amount to.....	\$292
And for previous years, to.....	132

Most of this will be collected, and it is all needed to pay accounts now standing against the society. It would greatly assist the working of the society if the members would observe the rules which calls for the payment of their annual subscriptions at the beginning of the year.



*L. & H. Society of Quebec in Account with Edwin Pope,
Treasurer.*

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By Cash paid for Books and Periodicals.....	\$ 316 09
“ Binding.....	169 48
“ Printing.....	171 40
“ Rent.....	140 00
“ Fuel and Light.....	292 40
“ Salaries.....	336 55
“ Miscellaneous.....	160 40
By Balance.....	12 01
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	\$1,598 33

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By Balance from 1883.....	\$ 202 08
“ Government grant for 1883.....	562 50
“ Cash for Historical documents, periodicals, &c., &c.....	36 75
“ Members’ subscriptions for 1884.....	668 00
“ “ “ arrears.....	129 00
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	\$1,598 33

By Balance..... \$ 12 01

Quebec, January 12th, 1885.

Examined and found correct.

LORENZO EVANS,
Auditor.

EDWIN POPE,
Treasurer.

Quebec, 12th January, 1885.

The Librarian, Mr. F. C. Wurtele, then submitted the following report :—

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian in submitting his annual report is sorry to say that want of funds has greatly curtailed the purchase of books, and the number of members taking out books has fallen off. One hundred and seventy-five members have availed themselves of the privilege of taking out books during the past year, being forty-four less than in the previous year. The number of volumes so taken out is 3,104, of which 239 volumes remained out on the 31st December, the greater portion being kept over the time allowed by the rules, namely, fourteen days.

Twenty-five volumes of new books have been purchased, and 39 bound volumes of magazines have been placed on the shelves. Fifty-four bound and one hundred and fifty-seven paper covered volumes, besides maps, have been received as donations, exchanges with other societies and from the Dominion and different Provincial governments, making in all 275 additions to the library as detailed in the accompanying lists. Almost all of the publications and maps of the Canadian Geological Survey have been obtained by exchange, and the set is as complete as it can now be made.

Now that the historical documents published by the society are more sought after, the librarian would ask the incoming council to reprint the 24-page document on the campaign in 1760, by Chevalier Johnston. It is now out of print, thus making the second series of historical documents incomplete. Of the books taken out there were 643 bound and 485 loose volumes of the magazines now subscribed for. The society will endeavour to keep the table as well supplied with magazines and papers as heretofore.

By order of the Council the Librarian sent to all the members and a few others, a circular containing a list of

all the periodicals published by the society, with the view of increasing the membership and also to show what, among other advantages, the society has to offer them in return for their annual subscription of four dollars.

It was moved by Mr. R. Turner, seconded by Mr. Archibald Campbell,—That the reports of the Council, Treasurer and Librarian be adopted and published.

R. McLeod and Gus. G. Stuart, Esquires, were appointed scrutineers.

The following gentlemen were then elected for the ensuing year :—

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<i>Council-Secretary</i>	Alexander Robertson.
<i>Curator Museum</i>	J. U. Gregory.
“ <i>Apparatus</i>	R. McLeod.

Additional members of Council—J. M. LeMoine, F.R.S.C., Gustavus G. Stuart, H. M. Price and Lt.-Col. Cotton.

Mr. R. Turner was appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

