

measure may be attributed the very gratifying success which has attended their united labors.

#### The Re-Unions.

"The Re-Union enterprise, originated and successfully carried on during the preceding year, was again entered upon early in the season just closed, and the Directors are pleased to be in a position to state that the entertainments this year have been successful even beyond their anticipations. It was considered advisable to commence the season with a series of ten Re-Unions. So popular did these soon become, that crowds thronged the Music Hall on each occasion, and at the termination of the course, a further series of six special Re-Unions was announced. These proved as popular and in every respect as successful as those which preceded them. The Re-Unions of the past season, the Directors believe, have been a source of much amusement and instruction to the members generally, if not to the citizens at large, for they have excited an emulation among the numerous amateurs who have taken part in them, and have besides been the means of directing the attention of several young persons to the study and practice of music and elocution. As before stated, sixteen Re-Unions in all have been held, and they were conducted so economically that the rates of admission were placed so low as to bring them within the reach of the whole community."

#### The Secretary.

"The Directors gladly acknowledge the zeal and assiduity with which Mr. Longman, the Secretary, has discharged his varied duties during the past year. The books and accounts are neatly and accurately kept, and the affairs of the Institute attended to punctually and well."

The Report being unanimously adopted, the balloting for office-bearers for the ensuing year took place, which resulted in the election of the following gentlemen:—

PRESIDENT—F. W. Coats.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT—Henry Langley.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT—Richard Lewis.

TREASURER—William Edwards.

DIRECTORS—C. W. Connon, LL.D., George Carroll, Daniel Spry, H. E. Clarke, John J. Withrow, John H. Richey, Samuel Rogers, Wm. Hamilton, Jr., James Rollo, Wm. Halley, John McGee, W. P. Marston.

The following resolutions were then severally put, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That two gentlemen be appointed to thoroughly canvass the city for new members, and thus increase the funds of the Institute.

Resolved—That the members of this Institute, deeply deploring the loss they have sustained in the death of Patrick Freeland, Esq., a late President of the Institute, desire to convey to his family the sincere expression of their sympathy under their present great bereavement.

Resolved—That the thanks of the members of the Institute are due and are hereby most heartily tendered to the amateurs who so kindly contributed to the success of the Re-Unions.

Resolved—That we have heard with feelings of deep regret the contemplated departure from the city of our much esteemed friend, C. W. Bunting, Esq., whose unflagging energy and great zeal in the discharge of the onerous duties which devolved upon him as first Vice-President of this Institute, merits our highest

approbation. We wish him every success and many friends in his new field of labor.

Resolved—That the Board of Directors be instructed to increase the salary of Mr. James Woodsworth, the Assistant Librarian, \$50 per annum.

The President elect urged upon the members, that each one should endeavour during the ensuing year, to prevail upon at least one other person, to join the Institute; by which means the membership would be doubled, and the Finances at once relieved from any further difficulties.

The meeting then adjourned.

## USEFUL RECEIPTS.

### Charcoal Crayons.

Saw pieces of charcoal to the required shape; let them macerate for 30 minutes in Melted Wax; then dry them on blotting paper. Drawings of this, warmed at the back, become indelible.

### Collins' Disinfecting Powder.

1. Dry Chloride of lime 2 parts, burnt alum 1 part. Used with or without water, to purify rooms, Cesspools, &c.

2. Anhydrous sulphate of Alumina 1 part, chloride of lime 2 parts. Mix.

### Colours for Confectionary, &c.

These should always be harmless. Liquid Cochineal serves for reds, whitesap green, Prussian blue, yellow saffron, &c afford innocent means of colouring sweetmeats, jellies, and liquors.

### Colours, Vehicles for.

Boiled Linseed oil, with dryers, serves best for oil paints. Water-Colours may be used with gum water, solution of gelatine, or a solution of shellac and borax.

### Copper, Nitrate of.

Saturate nitric acid with copper; evaporate until the acid flies off; re-dissolve with fresh acid; filter, evaporate, and crystallise. Used in electrotyping, and in making show colours.

### Pickled Pork equal to Fresh.

Let the meat cool thoroughly; cut into pieces four to six inches wide: weigh them, and pack as tight as possible in the barrel, salting very lightly. Cover the meat with brine made as strong as possible. Pour off a gallon of the brine, and mix with it one tablespoonful of saltpetre for every hundred pounds of meat, and return it to the barrel. Let it stand one month; then take out the meat; let it drain twelve hours. Put the brine in an iron kettle, add one quart of molasses or two pounds of sugar, and boil until perfectly clear. When it is cold, return the meat to the barrel, and pour on the brine. Weigh it down, and keep it covered close, and you will have the sweetest meat that you ever tasted.