ademy, and for the efficiency of our new staff.

We would like to say a few words here about our [illegible] In the first place the [illegible] enforced rigidly [illegible] consequence is [illegible] not [illegible] in the meeting [illegible] verse [illegible] thing [illegible] this as [illegible] to the letter [illegible] society, but also to [illegible] ciety which [illegible] ening. With regard to the subjects for discussion, we would say that for the most [illegible] chosen are very [illegible] in a debate like [illegible] antiquated. [illegible] certain set of [illegible] debated year after year [illegible] and no effort is [illegible] them. We would [illegible] live subjects of the [illegible] for discussion, in [illegible] honour [illegible] ing for the past few years.

1885.

ANOTHER year has passed away; 1885 is now a date of the past. We have been again reminded of the truth of the old adage *Tempus fugit* and that we must be up and doing, as time and the world waits for no man. It does not seem long since we celebrated with becoming festivities, the first day of 1885, and hailed joyfully the promises held out by the new year, which is now only a date in history.

The past year has been one of thrilling [illegible] rumours [illegible] ence [illegible] stance [illegible] Nearly [illegible] to keep [illegible] of the [illegible] away. [illegible] received [illegible] felt [illegible] in our [illegible] quiet [illegible] man- [illegible] the praise. [illegible] squad [illegible] day [illegible] contrary [illegible] out for [illegible] pres- [illegible] contingents [illegible] our [illegible] North. We [illegible] the [illegible] who will [illegible] the C. P. R. has [illegible] and direct intercourse [illegible] from sea to sea. A [illegible] which will cement closer the union of our provinces, and [illegible] the resources of our land. The future of Canada is a great one, and the day is not far off, when she will rank as one of the first countries on the globe.

The year has also been a stirring one for our empire at large. She has been engaged in many foreign