

maintaining at the credit of the charitable fund at the close of the year, is £16 12s. 7d. Your Committee deem it desirable for the information of gentlemen, not members of the Society, to explain that the Permanent Fund is composed of the moneys received for commutation of Ordinary to Life membership, by the payment of Five Pounds in one sum. The Entrance Fees and Annual Subscriptions of ordinary members, with any donations for which no special object is defined, and the Interest on the invested Permanent Fund, go to form the Charitable Fund. Owing partly to the heavy claims on your committee for relief during a period of almost unparalleled distress, and partly to the fact of a considerable number of members being in arrears for subscription, the balance at the credit of this fund is smaller than could have been desired, with certain prospect of increased demands on the Society during the winter; your committee must urge on members the absolute necessity of making good the arrears due.

During the year, the Society has added to its roll six members, of whom five are Ordinary members, and one is for Life. The total number of Members now on the Books is 205, viz:—81 life members; 114 ordinary members; 10 honorary members.

The Committee regret to learn that it is not the intention of the Rev. Geo. Mackie, D.D., a life member, and, for many years, one of the Chaplains of the Society, to return to Canada. By his frank and amiable disposition, the warm sympathy he ever evinced for the distressed, and his attachment to his country, no less than by his satisfactory discharge of the duties of his high calling, Dr. Mackie endeared himself to all Englishmen in Quebec, and his loss will be severely felt by all classes, but by none more than the poor, who always considered him their friend and benefactor.

Your Committee have to deplore the loss by death, since the last annual meeting of the Society, of three of its most prominent members, Messrs. Robert Roberts, Zaccheus Williams, and Robert Symes. Mr. Roberts, one of the original members, and a life member, was on several occasions elected Vice-President of the

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