

French publications have been taken—but to no purpose. There are not a few of this class engaged in mercantile pursuits whom we wish to see associated with us; and it is hoped that this desire, expressed, as it was, in the first and second Reports, and now in the third, will have some influence, and determine them to join the Association, and participate in its benefits.

In this connexion we would take leave to exhort every one whose pursuits are mercantile, for his own sake, for the credit of the class of the community to which he belongs, for the credit of the city in which he dwells, to become a Member of this Association. Do not our desire of success in business—our sense of respectability—our duty as citizens—our hopes of usefulness—our personal happiness—all concur to prompt us to the acquisition of knowledge? And where are to be found greater facilities for acquiring it, than are afforded by this Association?

Your Board, believing that oneness of aim, “sympathy of pursuit,” should form a bond of union, have been desirous of cultivating friendly relations with Institutions of like character to our own. Accordingly they presented the Office Bearers of the Mechanics’ Institute with tickets to the Course of Lectures, which was reciprocated, by that Institution, in turn, admitting your Board to its Lectures.

They have, moreover, had pleasure in communication with kindred Associations in the United States, and were privileged, during the present year, to meet in this City, and interchange courtesies with two Office Bearers of the Philadelphia Mercantile Library Company.

The formation of a similar Association in our sister city, Quebec, has been matter of gratification to