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JAMES C. MACKINTOSH, *Chairman.*

FINANCE.

Your Committee direct attention to the Treasurer's Accounts for details of Income and Expenditure amounting respectively to \$1747 74 and \$1808 11—and shewing a balance due him at the close of the year \$60 36. There are also Bills unpaid \$150 73—shewing our indebtedness to be at present \$211 10.

This debt would have been much greater as we commenced the year \$300 in debt, had not Mr. J. H. Townsend kindly undertaken to collect subscriptions towards its reduction, and was successful to the extent of \$187 00. Thanks are due to him for this good service and to those Members and others who contributed to that object.

At the same time your Committee look upon this method of liquidating our yearly debit Balance as an improper if not discreditable way of meeting necessary expenses.

Most Societies in the City have funds in reserve and increasing yearly, without having to resort to the generosity of the few, while the many pay only the minimum subscription, and in some cases neglect to do that promptly.

The reduction from time to time in the Annual or Occasional Donations is a source of much regret to your Committee, but is likewise an indication that the Society is expected to be self-sustaining.

Your Committee are fully satisfied that though the Expenses have increased somewhat, yet the financial affairs of the Association are carefully and economically managed.

They must also remind the members that the removal of the Association into new Premises and under different conditions must unavoidably call for greater liberality from those who appreciate our Work and objects, and are able to contribute more than the yearly payment of One Dollar for all the privileges afforded them.

It will be necessary also to increase the Annual Fee for the same reasons, though only by as small an addition as discretion and higher considerations will justify.

So far your Committee have reason for sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Father for bringing our Association through all pecuniary troubles.

They reiterate on behalf of the members the expression of sincere thanks to the Treasurer, S. H. Black, for his valuable services.

JAS. B. MORROW, *Chairman.*

MEMBERSHIP.

At the commencement of this year there were belonging to the Association 543 members, since then 74 have been added, while 111