

a draft for this amount, your Committee deemed it advisable to try and make this up by special appeal to the members and others, *who so generously responded*, that it was not found necessary to incoach on the general funds for any part of the outlay.

There are few if any rivals to our Reading Room in these Provinces, well lighted, convenient and comfortable, its tables are covered with the best periodicals of the day, and newspapers from all parts of this Province, as well as New Brunswick and P. E. Island, with not a few from Canada and Great Britain, this full equipment makes it a favorite resort for our members.

The Library contains 3200 volumes of high class literature, which is being gradually increased every year. In this connexion we have to record the unfailing generosity of our esteemed friend T. B. Akins, Esq., who has so kindly added to our shelves 12 new vols. with the promise of more for this year, we have also received from W. Crowe, a copy of the life of Spurgeon, and a new Map of the Dominion has also been hung up in the rooms. Your committee would earnestly urge the appropriation of a sum for new books, it being particularly desirable that this branch of our Association be as complete as possible. A new catalogue is much needed, and we would suggest that attention be given to its preparation whenever funds will permit.

We note with pleasure the increasing use made of the Dining Room, which is under the efficient management of our janitor, Mr. Saunders,

The students attending the colleges have been granted the free use of the rooms during the college term. The subject of protection in case of fire has had the careful attention of your committee, and has resulted in certain suggestions being made to the Trustees, these suggestions your committee understand are being carried out.

Before closing this report we would contrast our present Rooms with what they were 30 years ago, *then* this work was begun in one small Room with but few members to carry it on, but now we have premises of which any community might well feel proud. It is therefore with no ordinary feelings of encouragement, and gratitude to an ever kind Providence in thus blessing and fostering our efforts, that we present our Annual report.

Geo. CUNNINGHAM, *Chairman.*

Mr. O. M. Hill read Report of

#### LITERARY AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on commencing their work for the year, revised and had printed 700 copies of the Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Association.