

THE HALL.

Your Board have to report that, although the Hall Committee have been able to bring to Hamilton during the past season a larger number of good combinations than ever visited the city in any previous season, yet from the continued depression of trade, and the universal system of playing combinations for a percentage of the receipts, we have to report a falling off in this important source of revenue. With an improved state of business in the county, we hope to be able to report an increased revenue from this source.

EVENING CLASSES.

Your Board have much pleasure in reporting that the series of evening classes have been continued during the past winter with success. As many pupils were received as the rooms were able to accommodate. Classes were formed in book-keeping, writing and arithmetic. The attendance was good, and the improvement made by the pupils reflects great credit upon Messrs. Ballard and Sutherland, of the Collegiate Institute, to whose care they were entrusted.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Board have to lament the loss by death of our late worthy President, John R. Holden, Esq.; also one of the Directors, Kenny Fitzpatrick, Esq. Both gentlemen have for a number of years been zealous supporters of the Institute, and have devoted a large amount of time and ability to its interests.

J. KNEESHAW,
Secretary.

GEORGE SHARP,
Vice-President.