

the separate charge of their librarian, and that the right of possession of them, as well as the management of the concerns of their library, should remain vested in the Trustees, subject to the stipulation that the Association shall not be required to defray any expense ordered by the Trustees without the concurrence of the Directors of the Association. This arrangement, advantageous to the members as is the possession or use of the Books of the Quebec Library, is one which the Directors think, however, it will not be for the interest of the Association to renew on the same terms ; the separate management and custody of the library required by the Trustees, entail upon the Association a large additional expense, and absorb so much of its revenue, as to prevent its acquiring a Library of its own, thus tending to keep the Association in great measure dependent for one of its principal requisites, upon circumstances beyond the control of the Directors of it. This will of course be matter for the consideration of the Board elected this evening ; that which is now retiring from office was induced to make the arrangement in question, in the hope that before it expired, the shares in the Library, presented to the Association, would have been put into the possession of the Board, and greater facility thus obtained for the purchase of the entire Library : this has not yet been done, as the Trustees have objected to the transfer of shares in the Quebec Library from the donors to individual members of the Board of Directors, in trust for the Association, though they have intimated to the Board, that they would not oppose the transfer of shares to the Association itself, if it were legally authorized to hold property : the Board having, as is stated in a subsequent part of this report, reason to expect that the Association will soon be thus empowered, trust that means will be devised to continue on other terms the connection at present subsisting between the " Quebec Library " and the Quebec Library Association.

The Library thus temporarily obtained, though it comprises many old valuable standard works, is very deficient in later