

# REPORT.

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The General Committee of the Toronto Mechanics' Institute beg to report, for the information of the members, a statement of their proceedings, and of the general affairs of the Institute, for the past year.

The first, and in some respects the most important feature to present, is

## THE MEMBERSHIP.

Your Committee regret that it should fall to their lot to have to report a considerable decrease in the membership during their term of office. The continued depression in the various branches of Commercial and Mechanical pursuits; the removal from Toronto of the seat of the Provincial Government; the unexpected delay in obtaining possession of the Society's new Hall; and other causes altogether beyond their controul, your committee believe, accounts for this result.

With returning prosperity to the industrial classes, and the occupation by the Institute of its new building, with its ample accommodation, there is little reason to doubt but that this ground of complaint will be removed, and the Institute enter upon a new career of usefulness such as it has not hitherto attained.

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| The number of members at the date of the last Annual Report, was ..... | 781 |
| From which deduct—   |     |
| By deaths, removals and withdrawals.....                               | 261 |
| Remaining .....  | 520 |
| New Members .....  | 96  |
| Making a total at present of.....                                      | 616 |
| Decrease since last Report .....                                       | 165 |