

The officers for the ensuing year are: Chairman, A. F. Wickson; Vice-Chairman, R. Dawson; Treasurer, C. D. Lennox; Secretary, J. F. Brown; Committee of Management, John Howard and G. F. W. Price.

ROBERT DAWSON,
Chairman.

TORONTO, April 10th, 1888.

(3) *Report of the Philological Section.*

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the constitution of the Canadian Institute I beg to submit the following report of the work of the Philological Section for the year ending March 31st, 1888:

The number of members on the roll is eighteen. Since the 31st March, 1887, the section has held eleven meetings. Since December 13th, 1887, the meetings of the section have taken place at twenty o'clock on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month of the session of the Institute.

At the meeting of November 14th, 1887, it was decided that the section should take up the study of "Phonetics," and the work of the members has to a great extent been the pursuance of such study.

At the meeting of January 10th, 1887, Mr. George E. Shaw, B.A., resigned the position of Secretary of the Section, to which office Mr. A. F. Chamberlain, B.A., was appointed.

During the year the following papers have been read before the Section:

- (1) April 11th, 1887, "The Science of Language in Popular Education," by the Rev. J. F. McCurdy, Ph.D.
- (2) 25th, " "Umbrian Inscriptions," by the Rev. Dr. McNish.
- (3) May 9th, " "An International Alphabet with a System of Shorthand," by M. L. Rouse.
- (4) Dec. 13th, " "The Organs of Speech, with Special Reference to the Production of Speech in the Larynx," by Dr. G. R. McDonagh.
- (5) Jan. 10th, 1888, "Throat Sounds," by the Rev. J. F. McCurdy, Ph.D.
- (6) 24th, " "Portuguese Nasal Sounds," by G. E. Shaw, B.A.
- (7) Mar. 27th, " "A Contribution to the Study of the Franco-Canadian Dialect," by Jno. Squair, B.A.

(Signed)

A. F. CHAMBERLAIN,
Secretary Philol. Sect. C. I.

TORONTO, April 7th, 1888.

(4) *Report of the Geological and Mining Section.*

This Section of the Institute was organized at a meeting held on the 20th of April, 1887, and its Regulations and By-laws were approved by the Council on the 30th of the same month. The names of sixteen members of the Institute are enrolled on the minute book as members of the Section.

Besides the inaugural meeting, six meetings of the Section have been held during the year. The attention of the Section was called soon after its formation to the want of statistics and other trustworthy information relating to the mining and metallurgical operations carried on in the Dominion, and the desirableness of the public being put in possession of such information as soon after the close of each year as possible. A memorial