

perfection of its arrangement, in the personnel of the guests, in the beauty of the decorations, as well as in the quality of the music, and of the supper, it far surpassed all previous efforts of the society. It suggested, by its very magnificence, memories of the many gatherings which have been held in Toronto under the same auspices, and in which have figured the names of so many who are held in loving remembrance by their successors ; and even though, by comparison, those early entertainments pale before the splendour of such a ball as that of last evening, yet in both may be seen the same indications of the enduring prosperity which has attended the growth of this organization, and of the firm hold which it possesses upon the hearts of the people of our city ; for during the years that are gone, and right up to to-day, the motives which have actuated the society, and the aims which it has had in view, have been alike consistent and lofty. By its unceasing efforts for the welfare of its fellow-countrymen it has gained the respect and admiration of all, and by the high standing of its members in the community it has become a social and educational force whose influence is being daily felt ; for this reason its annual assembly is more than a mere social function, for it marks one more milestone in the progress of one of the most valuable institutions which the city contains, and helps to keep before the people its methods of work and the high objects with which it is identified.

It was universally regretted last evening that Mr. D. R. Wilkie, who is a past president of the society, was unable to be present, owing to the recent death of his mother in Quebec.

The orchestra for the occasion was supplied by Corlett, and the supper by Webb. Messrs. Michie and Company furnished the wines.

For many a year has the old Pavilion echoed at intervals with the strains of the valse and the quadrille, shed