

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.

MR. PRESIDENT,—Your Secretary begs to submit the following report on the business of the Association for the year 1887.

Our paid up membership increased from seventy on January 1st, 1887, to 118 on January 1st, 1888. Only three members whose names appear on the printed "List of Members" have not yet paid their fees, and four members joined since the printing of the Proceedings.

Our Association can congratulate itself on this large increase in the membership. A majority of the active members of the profession are now in our ranks, and it will be but a short time when all P. L. S.'s of standing will be proud of being mentioned with our members.

One hundred and eleven of our members reside in Ontario, two in the Province of Quebec, two in Manitoba, and three in the United States.

The following counties and cities have as yet no representatives on our list:—The counties of Russell, Glengarry, Stormont, Dundas, Grenville, Prince Edward, Peterborough, Wentworth, Welland and Norfolk, and the cities of Hamilton and Peterborough.

Every other county and town of importance in the Province is well represented.

During the year 1887 two meetings of the Executive Committee were held in Toronto, the first meeting on July 29th, the second on December 23rd, both of which were well attended.

The Executive desires to thank those who have volunteered papers for the present meeting.

The Executive and Standing Committees have met with difficulty in securing papers to be read before the Association.

We have endeavoured to get papers from many members whom we considered competent and willing to assist us, but met with many disappointments. We have found greater difficulty this year than last year, and cannot divine the reason.

In soliciting "contributions" from members we have found three classes: (1) the *willing* member; (2) the *modest* member, and (3) the *busy* member. Of these the third class is the most numerous.

The modest member thinks he can write nothing new, or nothing worth mentioning. This may be the result of modesty or of a false pride that prevents him from undertaking anything unless of very great importance.

A busy man is a man to be admired, and should be imitated by all. Surveyors are of necessity busy men, but no surveyor can be so busy as not to prepare a paper for this Association. It is a well known fact that busy people are generally the best able to prepare papers. The fact that a surveyor is busy is the best evidence we can have that he has something to write about, and that he has the necessary ability to economize his time as to spare a few hours' recreation for the benefit of his professional brethren.