

subscriptions of members, and the sale and exchange of tickets, amount to \$2,224; while the expenses amount to \$2206.60. This with the balance in hand from last year and the interest from the Bank, leaves the sum of \$665.52 in the Treasurers' hands.

Notwithstanding the many influences which exist in a place like Montreal adverse to the cultivation of the mind to any high degree, the reports of the Professors show that there is a strong desire for the higher education on the part of a good number. It is our object to provide for this higher education, not in a superficial manner, but by real training and instruction, beyond the point to which the schools carry their pupils, and in preparation for the true college course, which may soon have its existence amongst us. We differ from the latter, inasmuch as auditors are welcomed to the lecture room as well as students, and students are free to come, or not to come up for examination as they please. Here we would express our regret that the valuable opportunity which examination affords of proving to themselves and to the Lecturers how much they have learned of the subject, has not been more appreciated. It is the one regret running through the reports of nearly all the Professors. It is hoped, however, that the very good standing given to those who have passed may encourage many more to come in succeeding years.

The subjects recommended in the Report of last year, "which have for their object the cultivation of the English Language, and those which deal with mental science," have been taken up with much interest. The course on Logic has prepared the way for a longer course on Mental Philosophy, likely to form part of the Programme of the next Session, and if we may look further into the future, that also may be followed by one on Moral Philosophy. Here we would introduce the Report of the Committee on Lectures for the Session 1873-74.