

cordingly they drafted one which they considered suitable, and, waiting upon His Excellency, presented it in your name ; and at the same time requested him to accept of an Honorary Membership. They were most graciously received. His Excellency replied verbally, accepted the Honorary Membership, expressed pleasure at learning the existence of the Association, and stated that he would be happy to forward its interests ; and he was afterwards pleased to visit the rooms.

Conceiving that it would be for the interest of the Association that it should be incorporated by Act of Parliament, your Board adopted measures to secure its incorporation. At a General Meeting the decision of the Board was confirmed, and the Constitution, in certain articles, was amended, previously to its being presented, clothed in legal phraseology, to the House. Their petition was entrusted to B. Holmes, Esquire, M. P. P. for this city, and was by him successfully carried through the Legislature, and, receiving His Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe's favorable consideration, was assented to in the Royal name, on the 9th December last. This Act has annulled the previous Constitution and Bye-laws, embodying in itself the former, and requiring you, for yourselves, to form the latter. Your Board have, consequently, drafted the necessary Bye-laws for the government of the Association, and will this evening present them for your consideration and adoption. It also became necessary for your Board to adopt a Seal, as the common seal of the Association, which they have done. The design is simple and appropriate, and the motto, "*Vita sine literis mors est.*"

Your Board are now required to notice the