

Your Committee having examined Mr. Brown's proposed alterations (a copy of which has been sent to every member of the Society) recommend their adoption.

Now that the Society is incorporated, thereby becoming one of the Permanent Institutions of the country, your Committee can with confidence invite such of you as are able to become Life Members. The Subscription is fixed at \$20, and this amount is invested so that the interest alone is applicable to the ordinary expenditure. Every new Life Membership further adds to the permanency of the Society, and for this reason alone we hope many of you will become Life, instead of Ordinary, Members.

There have been 49 Members added to our list during the past year, making the total number in our books 487, but we regret to state that a great many have, by non-payment of their subscriptions, ceased to be Members. Your Committee would recommend their successors to revise the list, striking out (according to the By Laws) the name of every one who has no right to be classed as a Member.

Your Committee can refer with satisfaction to their distribution of Meat, Bread, Cheese, and Potatoes, to about one hundred and twenty poor English families on Christmas Eve, and if we reckon, men, women, and children, it was the means of furnishing a good Christmas dinner to upwards of four hundred and fifty persons. This was raised by subscription amongst the Members of this Society and Englishmen generally. One hundred and fifteen dollars were subscribed in Cash, and about seventy-five dollars' worth of Meat, &c. Every deserving applicant was relieved and after paying all expenses a balance of \$13 was handed over to the Treasurer. The distribution took place at Mr. Henry Shaw's warehouse in Front St., and to him we owe our thanks for the use of his rooms on that occasion.

Your Committee, before closing their report, have to acknowledge their indebtedness to D. B. Read, Esq., ex-Mayor, who has, on several occasions, kindly granted passes to different parts of the Province to poor Englishmen when recommended by your Committee. We have also to thank

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