

ture of the latter from town. Messrs. Templeton, Lusher, Alexr. Morris, McDiarmid and Lewis, have been chosen to fill the vacancies occasioned in the Board by the above changes and by the resignation of Mr. Miller.

Your Board desire to acknowledge the invariable courtesy of Editors of the city newspapers whose frequent notices of the proceedings of the Association have given clear proof of the interest they feel in its welfare, and richly merit this expression of gratitude.

The Directors have now to submit a statement of the number of members on the books of the Association, which exhibits a marked increase over the number in any preceding year.

It is indeed gratifying to be enabled to state that the list of members has year by year been steadily increasing since the establishment of the Association in 1841. At the close of that year the total number of Members was - - - - - 130

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| In November, 1842, - - - - - | 264 |
| 1843, - - - - - | 298 |
| 1844, - - - - - | 392 |
| 1845, - - - - - | 469 |
| 1846, - - - - - | 446 |
| 1847, - - - - - | 508 |

While in the present year it is - - - 613

This number is composed of—

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| Merchant Members, - - - - - | 192 |
| Senior Clerk, - - - - - | 279 |
| Junior Clerk, - - - - - | 68 |
| Life, - - - - - | 49 |
| Honorary, - - - - - | 25 |
| Total, - - - - - | 613 |

So large an increase of numbers in a year of such commercial depression as the past has been, is very satisfactory and gives bright promise for the future.

The Mercantile Library Association of Montreal has already attained a most respectable place among the literary institutions of our country; and much good has been effected through its instrumentality.— Still, the Directors are convinced that its means of usefulness might be greatly increased, and even a higher position secured for it were proper exertions