

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. J. M. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. L. Skaife, and carried.

The Treasurer explained that there were no unpaid bills against the Society on December 31st, 1898, and so far as he knew no other liabilities; that, subsequent to that date, small accounts, amounting in all to about \$100, had come in.

The Secretary, in explanation of the item of keeping the rooms of the Society open at night, stated that it had been necessary to employ help for three evenings in the week at the rate of \$6 per month. To keep the rooms open every night during the year under the present arrangement would, at the same rate, cost \$168.

In reply to a question by Mr. E. P. Hannaford, it was stated that the attendance during the evening was steadily increasing.

Mr. E. P. Hannaford asked what had been the total expenditure to date on account of legislation and other expenses in connection with incorporation. Mr. E. P. Hannaford.

The Treasurer replied that the total expenditure to date was about \$1,500. The Treasurer.

In reply also to Mr. Hannaford, it was stated that the rental of the present rooms was \$700, including fuel and taxes.

A discussion took place on the desirability of remaining in the present quarters, or of purchasing permanent quarters for the Society.

Mr. Jennings thought it would be desirable to remain in these rooms at present, provided the necessary arrangements could be made with the Bank. Mr. W. T. Jennings.

The Secretary stated that in all probability a satisfactory agreement could be arrived at should it be decided that the Society wished to remain here. The Secretary.

Mr. E. P. Hannaford expressed himself strongly in favor of remaining in the present quarters. He said that if we moved to other quarters, we would probably incur additional expenses, and while he was of course of the opinion that the matter should be left in the hands of the Council, he would recommend that a lease should be secured for an additional five years on the present conditions. Mr. E. P. Hannaford.

Mr. C. H. Rust thought the present rooms admirable, and that, unless the Society was going to get something much cheaper and better, it would not be advisable to move. Mr. C. H. Rust.

Mr. W. Chipman said that he gathered from the Treasurer's report that the present income of the Society was not equal to the expenditure, and he hoped the new Council would consider carefully anything tending to increase the latter. Mr. W. Chipman.

He thought that the Treasurer's statement should be supplemented by an explanation of some of the larger items, and that we should also have a statement of the assets and liabilities of