

ship was 409, besides 53 Life and 27 Honorary Members. The Committee which had been appointed at the last Annual Meeting to consider the subject of building, reported that there were two sites suitable for that purpose : one on McGill Street, belonging to the Hon. John Young, and the other on the corner of McGill and Foundling Streets, which the Committee preferred, but which could not then be got. Difficulties, however, prevented any further measures in the matter, and the Board express the hope that so desirable an object will not be lost sight of by their successors.

The fifteenth Report records an increase in membership, which now amounted to 553, of whom 473 were paying Members. The number of volumes in the Library was 4,117.

The Board, while recognizing the many advantages which would accrue to the Association by the erection of a building, did not feel justified in taking action in the matter. A grant from Government was received for the first time, amounting to £50.

The sixteenth Report commences with a notice of a Festival which had been held with a view of furthering the interests of the Association, but the results from which were far from compensating the exertions which had been expended.

At a General Meeting, held during the year, a resolution was passed admitting all Members as eligible to a seat at the Board, which resolution was to take effect at the next Annual Meeting.

The number of Members was 522, being a decrease of 31 as compared with the previous year ; 97 names, however, had been struck off the books for non-payment of subscriptions, and other causes.

The issue of books was 1,912, to 254 readers, the circulation being confined to about 600 volumes. The number of volumes in the Library was stated to be 4,167, an increase of 50 volumes during the year.

The seventeenth Report showed a further decrease in membership, which now stood at 492. Dissentions prevailed for a