

collections and donations. In this direction the Council desires to acknowledge the liberality of the Biological section in guaranteeing the interest for two years on the \$1,000 borrowed for this purpose.

The Library has been increased by the addition of 124 volumes of bound exchanges ; but further shelf accommodation is urgently needed.

While congratulating the Institute on the increase in membership, in income and in activity, the Council feels that it is necessary to impress upon the members the fact that the current expenses are greatly increased, especially in printing and gas, while there is a falling off in the rentals ; and also that, in order properly to fulfil the objects for which it exists, the further extension of the Museum and Library and the completion of the building by the erection of a commodious lecture hall is highly desirable. It therefore urges upon the members the necessity of supporting the present efforts of the Committee of Ways and Means by every means in their power, by contributions, by presenting the claims of the Institute to the public in every possible way, and by endeavoring to obtain new members.

During the past year the Institute has lost by death one of its most distinguished honorary members, the Rev. John McCaul, LL.D., late President of University College, and President of the Institute from 1862 to 1864. The deceased was for nearly half a century one of the leading figures in social and educational affairs in this city, and his articles on Roman Inscriptions in the *Canadian Journal*, which formed the basis of his great work on that subject, had much to do, not only with the establishment of his own claims to be called the first English scholar in Latin epigraphy, but with the high standing attained in those early years by our journal.

(Signed) W. H. VANDER SMISSEN,

President.

ALAN MACDOUGALL,

Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

Membership.

Number of Members April 1st, 1886.....	233
Withdrawals and deaths during the year	14
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Elected during the year	219
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Total members April 1st, 1887	290

Composed of—

Honorary Members.....	5
Life Members.....	13
Ordinary Members.....	272
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Total	290
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Associates	30