

FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal:

GENTLEMEN,

Although we cannot make such a Report as that of last year, yet this, our Jubilee Report, speaks of nothing but progress.

The educational classes have been the largest and most successful ever organized in connection with this Institute, and, notwithstanding the establishment of the Government night schools, we hope to do our part in the education of the mechanics of Montreal.

The income from our property has almost come up to the estimate made a year ago, and, generally speaking, our finances are in a healthy state.

The Library has advanced during the year, though the Library Committee felt the necessity of economy. The number of books in circulation has been larger than ever before.

Some needed alterations have been made in the Central Building, which, together with our building at Point St. Charles, is in excellent order.

The Membership has retrograded somewhat in numbers, but a strong effort is being made to bring it up to a thousand.

All the property of the Institute, both in the centre and at Point St. Charles, is in first-class order. The principal improvement has been the alteration of the stores on St. Peter Street, making the entrance by the street instead of by the passage. The heating apparatus of the Point St. Charles Branch and of Richards' store have been improved, and various minor alterations have been made in all the offices of the central building.