

in the preceding year. "The real force of life is personal." Actions are more eloquent than words. Now more than ever the world judges the tree by its fruits ; and if we shew not in our lives the effects of the truth we possess, our pleadings and our arguments will be in vain. The mighty ministry of a christian life is open to us all ; and the circulation of literature which will instil in us the high aims of Catholic devotion and keep before our eyes the light of Catholic doctrine, must tend to make us all partakers in that apostolate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Report of the Committee for the past year was then read by the Secretary ; after which Senator Scott moved its adoption, and on behalf of the Catholics of Ottawa, thanked the officers for their efficient work. Mr. John Heney having seconded the motion, it was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

The Financial Statement as certified by the Auditors, was read by the Treasurer, and on motion of Mr. J. P. Dunne, seconded by Mr. J. W. Hughes, was adopted.

His Grace the Archbishop addressed the meeting briefly. He thanked the officers of the Society for their work during the year, and expressed his gratification at seeing that the Catholic laity understand their duty to help the clergy. His Grace invited all who were present to join the Society, and to encourage others to become members, that they might work towards the perfect union of mankind on the basis of truth as taught by the Catholic Church—that all men might be of one heart and one soul, recognizing one Father, God in heaven, and one mother, the Church on earth.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers.

On motion of Senator Scott, seconded by Mr. J. J. McGee, Mr. Joseph Pope was unanimously elected President.