

REPORT OF THE
MANAGING COMMITTEE

OF THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, FOR THE YEAR 1859.

At the close of its year of office your Committee is much pleased to report that the St. George's Society of Toronto, has continued to prosper and increase in usefulness. Your Committee has endeavoured to promote the true objects of the Society, which are, the relief of the suffering and the encouragement of mutual and friendly intercourse amongst all classes of Englishmen.

The number of members is not so large as at the end of the year, 1858, when 487 were on the roll, but many of them were very much in arrear with their subscriptions, and the Committee for that year in its Report, recommended its successors to revise the list, striking out (according to the By-laws), the name of every one who had no right to be classed as a member. Your Committee after mature consideration, adopted this recommendation and 155 names were accordingly erased from the list, leaving a total of 332 bona-fide members whose names were published with the Annual Report for 1858. Since the commencement of the year, 47 new members have been added, making the total now 379.

The depression in trade and the scarcity of employment, have been the means of causing the demands on the Society to be more than equal to the receipts, therefore continuous efforts were required to provide for the relief of the necessities of the poor. In the distribution of charity, the aim has been to hold out to the worthy applicant every facility and invitation to present his claims, and at the same time to guard the fund devoted to so sacred an object by every possible means against the unworthy and undeserving. Your Com-