

responded to ;—seven of the Senior Clerk Members paid £12 10s. each, thus becoming Life Members ; which with a number of donations of smaller amount, realized the handsome sum of about £130. An appeal was then made to the Merchants of the City, by whom about £60 was subscribed. This enabled the Treasurer to pay most of the debts immediately demanding attention, and relieved the Association from the degradation of owing long standing claims, and at the same time furnished solid evidence of the interest felt in its welfare by many of its Members and friends.

It was confidently hoped that the payment by the Government of the heavy amount expended on the late premises in St. Ann's Market, which you were constrained to leave, would have relieved the Association of the greater part of its remaining liabilities. This hope has not yet been realized. The case was stated by your Board, both personally and by petition, to the Heads of the Government, and the reasonableness of the claim was not denied ; but no grant to reimburse the amount was made during the last Session of Parliament. When the Legislature again meets, renewed application must be made, and your Board feel convinced that the authorities, who give liberally to Institutions of a similar character, will not refuse to us an amount, which cannot be considered other than a just claim for compensation. Your Board trust that the receipt of this sum will enable their successors to pay the amount borrowed from the Bank of Montreal, for the very purpose of fitting up the Rooms of which you were deprived, and which is due in May next.