

availing themselves of the advantages thus offered for their improvement; and they would strongly urge on those having youths in their employ, and also on parents and guardians, the vast importance of education in the various pursuits of life, not only to those intended to be directly benefitted, but to the community at large; and they would also express an earnest hope that the efforts of their successors in this department may be crowned with that measure of success which the importance of the object certainly merits.

An Act praying the Legislature that this Institute may be allowed to surrender its present

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And become incorporated under the general "Act for the Incorporation and better Management of Library Associations and 'Mechanics' Institutes," has, in answer to the prayer of the Institute, passed its several readings through both houses of Parliament, and now only awaits the sanction of his Excellency the Governor General.\*

In placing the Institute under the provisions of the above-mentioned act, it will become necessary to alter and amend the present By-Laws of the Society; and your Committee, in addition to the changes indicated as desirable in the last Annual Report, deem it also desirable that some change should be made in the manner of receiving new members. At present they can only be elected at the regular Quarterly Meetings of the Institute, and all subsequent propositions must lie over to the next meeting; thus a number of candidates have to wait—some for nearly three months—before they can be admitted. This has always been found to be vexatious in the working, and opposed to the interests of the Society.

Were members received by the General Committee at the regular monthly meetings, or oftener, a stricter scrutiny could be instituted into the characters of the respective candidates than can now be obtained, when so large a number are proposed and balloted for on the same evening.

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\*The Bill has since received his Excellency's sanction.