

Another removal is recorded "to the present central situation," which was the corner of Great St. James and St. Peter Streets.

"At no period in the history of the Association had it presented so encouraging a financial prospect, notwithstanding a heavy loss by Lectures, and the withdrawal of a few of the Members. The hope is expressed that ere long we shall have the satisfaction of assembling in our own rooms," a hope destined to be long deferred.

The twelfth Report, 2nd November, 1852, notices that the Association was insensibly assuming a character somewhat different from, though not at variance with the intention of its original projectors. The classes upon whose support the Association was presumed to depend did not yield it their zealous co-operation. It is especially remarked that the number of Members engaged in the retail stores was very limited. The number of volumes in the Library was 3,000; the number of Members 400.

The thirteenth Report, 28th November, 1853, shews that the number of Members had been increased during the year to 464. The subject of the erection of a building was again mentioned, and at the General Meeting for the election of officers, held 5th December, 1853, it was moved by Mr. John Lewis, seconded by Mr. Richard McDonnell, and carried: "That this Association is of opinion that the time has arrived when an effort should be made to secure a suitable site for the purpose of erecting a convenient building for its Members." The Hon. John Young, Theodore Lyman and James Davison, Esqrs. were appointed a Committee to ascertain whether it was practicable to carry the resolution into force.

By the fourteenth Report it appears the Association moved during the year from the corner of Great St. James and St. Peter Streets to Nordheimer's Building, Great St. James Street. This year presented a rather unfavourable state of the financial position of the Association. The debt had been increased during the year, and now stood at £260 10s.. The member-

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