

agement of our funds,—and with common energy and spirit, on the part of the “Council” of the Society,—my prophecy will be fulfilled to the very letter. Our Library has not increased commensurately with the other branches of the Club, although it can boast of a few volumes possessing a certain value. The tardiness in increase of our collection of books, I fear must be attributed to the supineness of the Committee specially appointed to supervise this portion of our design. It is well known that a donation of books (however small) was expected of each Member, and also that but few of these donations have been made. A little energy on the part of the Library Committee, I apprehend, would have collected, catalogued, and classed these books.

Amongst the pleasurable recollections of the past year, must be prominently placed the visit of Mr. Macready to Montreal, his acceptance of an Honorary Membership in the Society, and also his affording us an opportunity of possessing ourselves of his portrait. By a Society professing the objects of the “Shakespeare Club,” Mr. Macready’s name should be held in peculiar veneration on every ground, both Literary and Dramatic, for whilst at the present day, as an actor, he has no equal, as a scholar, he has few superiors. In what his claims upon society consist, as an accomplished gentleman, some of us have had the happiness of judging, and there can be but one opinion that Mr. Macready’s name confers particular dignity and consideration upon our Honorary Members’ List, however previously enriched with names of high repute.

The election of Officers of the Society, took place on the 8th January last, being the second Monday in the new year, as prescribed by the Laws.

The gentlemen elected to fill the various offices were :—

Mr. HARTLEY, as President,

Mr. G. ROBERTSON, Vice-President,

Mr. LEE, as Secretary, and

Mr. FENWICK, as Treasurer.