

It was moved by Mr. ALEXANDER MORRIS, seconded by Mr. A. BROWN, and

*Resolved*,—That a Prize be offered for the best Essay on the *Influence of Mercantile Library Associations in Elevating the Moral and Social Condition of the Mercantile Class*, and that the competition be not confined to the Members of the Association.

It was moved by Mr. MONTGOMERIE, seconded by Mr. LOWE, and

*Resolved*,—That a Prize be offered for the best Essay on such subject as shall be decided upon at the next General Meeting of the Members of the Association, to be competed for by the Clerk Members, and that the Prize be purchased by subscription.

The President then declared the meeting dissolved.

JOHN MURRAY, *President*.

JOHN LOWE, *Rec. Secretary*.

At the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Members of the Mercantile Library Association of Montreal, for the Election of Office Bearers, held in the Library Room, on Monday evening, December 4, 1848:

It was moved by Mr. ALEXANDER MORRIS, seconded by Mr. R. BLACKWOOD, and

*Resolved*,—That the Prize offered for the best Essay on the *Influence of Mercantile Library Associations, in Elevating the Moral and Social Condition of the Mercantile Class*, be a Silver Medal, and that it be only awarded in the event of not fewer than two Essays being submitted.

It was moved by Mr. B. CHAMBERLIN, seconded by Mr. H. E. MONTGOMERIE:

That the subject for the Prize Essay, to be competed for among the Clerk Members of the Association, be *On the Discovery and History of Canada to the period of its Conquest by the English*.

It was moved, in amendment, by Mr. T. S. SMITH, seconded by Mr. J. W. M'GLASHAN:

That the subject be the *Newspaper Press* and its Influence on Society.

The amendment was put and negatived.

The original motion was then put and resolved.