

Considering that the affiliation of the several Institutes with the Board, is mutually advantageous to both, your Committee, as in 1858, appropriated to their Libraries, Books, at wholesale prices, equal in value to the amount of their respective subscriptions.

FREE LIBRARY AND MODEL ROOMS.

The Free Library of Reference, and Model Rooms, have continued open to the public during the year, and have attracted a considerable number of Inventors, Artizans, and others, to consult the very valuable Books, and large number of Models of Inventions, which the Rooms contain. For reasons hereafter given, your Committee has made but few additions to the Library since the last annual Report.

FINANCES AND OBJECTS OF THE BOARD.

The Government Grant to this Board, for the past year, was the same as for 1858, namely:—\$2,000. The total receipts, including a balance from the former year of \$1584 65, amounted to \$3731 97; Expenditure \$1640 22; leaving a balance in hand of \$2091 75. The Treasurer's detailed annual Statement now lies on the table for your inspection.

Your Committee has considered it advisable to keep the Expenditure down as low as possible, until such time as the Amendments to the Act of Incorporation shall be obtained; thus allowing a fund to accumulate for the purpose of commencing more active operations, in the establishment and progression of some, or all, of the various departments contemplated by the Act, namely:—

Museum and Model Rooms, illustrative of Arts and Manufactures.

Free Library of Reference, on subjects connected with Arts and Manufactures.

School of Design, and School or College for Mechanics.

Employment of Lecturers in Arts, Science, and Manufactures.

And the Publication and Circulation among the Mechanics' Institutes, and among Mechanics and Manufacturers generally, of such Reports, Essays, Lectures, and other Literary Compositions as shall convey useful information to those classes.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

In the early part of the year, instructions were given to your representatives to the Board of Agriculture, to "Obtain a decision with reference to the position this Board is to take at the next Provincial Exhibition, with respect to the management of the Fine Arts and Manufactures Department." On the 5th of April, subsequent, the following resolutions of the Board of Agriculture were reported to this Board, namely:—

Resolved 1st.—"That the Board of Arts be authorized to draw up a Prize List in the Department of Arts and Manufactures, to the extent of _____ Dollars, and submit for the approval of this Board."