

It is a subject for congratulation that all papers were supplied without doubling up on any contributors, and the Society has thus demonstrated its ability to conduct a most successful Association.

The total number of members for 1886-7 was 112, and of these 83 had paid their annual fee, 29 neglecting so to do. The receipts from membership fees amounted to \$60.50, and the expenses for all purposes amounted to \$26.85, leaving a cash balance of \$33.65 at present to the credit of the Society. This is a most satisfactory showing for a commencement, and there is no doubt that the incoming season will see an advance in all the figures. The necessity of having separate rooms for meetings and classes is severely felt and arrangements for these are now in progress, there being a committee appointed by the Society's council to make enquiries and arrangements for suitable apartments. It is also hoped that there will be a grant made the Society by the Ontario Government, the same as given to similar societies in various parts of the Province.

During the spring and early summer Prof. Pantou gave a course of lectures on Botany in connection with the Society. Many members availed themselves of this opportunity to fit them for a proper study of the *flora* in the vicinity of Guelph. From the interest manifested by a regular attendance at the lectures we would infer they were well appreciated. In the fall and for a part of the winter the same gentleman gave a course of instruction on Geology. The only qualification required for attendance at these classes was that of being a member of the Guelph Scientific Society. We are glad to learn that such an opportunity was taken advantage of, and that so many were in regular attendance when these classes met. There is no doubt this course of instruction has done much to increase the membership of the Society, and Prof. Pantou deserves the warm thanks of the Society and of the community for offering his services freely for this work. The Society look forward to having during the coming year evening classes for the benefit of those who find it impossible to attend in the afternoon. It cannot of course be expected that these will be free of all charges to attendants, but the Society would earnestly ask the support of a large membership, so that the individual cost may be reduced as much as possible.

During the year several excursions have been made under the auspices of the Society for the purpose of studying Science practically :

May 8th.—Some members made a botanical trip to the woods in the vicinity of the residence of Thomas Goldie, Esq. A good collection of plants was made, and many interesting forms were obtained, embracing nine orders and twenty *genera*.

June 5th.—To Limehouse, where an excellent exposure of the rocks belonging to the Niagara and Clinton formation occur. This outcrop is of a very instructive character, and it is hoped that when another trip is made to that place there will be a large attendance to examine this excellent exposure of Silurian rocks.