

The first report presented was that of the Physician, John Bell, M.A., M.D., which was read by him and was well received. We give a synopsis of it :—

1 BEAVER HALL TERRACE, }
MONTREAL, March 31st, 1873. }

To the President and members of the Montreal Workingmen's Mutual Benefit and Widows and Orphans' Provident Society.

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in presenting to you the following 6th annual report of the Medical affairs of the Society for the past year.

By my Monthly reports, I have from time to time kept you informed of the number of sick members, of the nature and duration of their illness, and of the number, names and physical condition of applicants for admission.

On the roll of benefit members are the names of 267 men. During the official year just closing there were 52 candidates for admission, who passed the medical examination. Of this number, 40 were examined during the last six months, and 33 since the 1st January. As the competition for the prize, so considerably offered by our worthy President, about entering in office, grew warmer, the more frequent became the applications for examination, so that two thirds of the admissions took place during the last three months.

Two of our members have died during the past year. One, Thomas Dobbie, a young and promising man, before whom there seemed to be many years of useful and