

It is hoped and expected that all who cannot pay more, will be at least prompt in paying this small amount.

MEMBERSHIP.

Your committee have to report that during the year there has been a large increase in the membership of the association, while at the same time quite a number have been struck off the list, nearly all of whom have removed from the city. Some of them had left previous to the end of 1868, but the present Secretary being unacquainted with the names on the roll, did not erase them until after the publication of last report. A large proportion of those who left the city were students, some of whom graduated from the Colleges, others did not return to complete the course. Many were young men belonging to different parts of the Province, who returned home to establish themselves in business, &c., and several went to other countries.

One hundred and twenty-nine (129) new members have signed the constitution. Eighty-two (82) have ceased to be members, seventy-four (74) of whom have left the city and four have been removed by death; showing an increase of forty-seven (47) during the year, and total on the roll five hundred (500) classed as follows:—195 active, 291 associate, and 14 life members. There are also quite a number of subscribers to the funds who are not members. A number of persons have been proposed and received by ballot, who have failed to qualify themselves for membership. The committee are of the opinion, that it is the duty of those who propose persons for membership, to see that they come forward, and sign the constitution.

The General Committee having had it brought to their notice that the constitution does not provide for the removal of members for non-payment of dues, adopted the suggestion of this committee,—That any person failing to pay his subscription for two years consecutively, after having been duly notified by the Secretary, shall cease to be a member.

Your committee have during the last quarter, revised the whole list, showing those who are qualified to be active members, and eligible for office, as well as those who remain associate members.

VISITING SICK.

This committee in presenting their report express their devout gratitude to the Father of mercies for His kind preservation during the year, in bestowing upon the members generally the blessing of health.

Very few cases of sickness have been brought to the notice of the committee but whenever they have been informed of a member being sick they have at once visited him. Some have failed to acquaint them of their sickness, and consequently were not visited so soon as they otherwise would have been.

The committee again request any member who may be sick or who knows of a member who is sick, to acquaint the Secretary, or some member of the committee, so that no time may be lost in obtaining the desired information.