

The Revised Constitution has been printed and is now in the hands of all members.

During the past year the Dominion Government has been memorialized by the Academy with reference to several matters. A scheme for the foundation of Art Scholarship's was submitted for attention. The necessity of providing for a proper representation of Canadian Art at the approaching Paris International Exhibition was urged, and it was pointed out that further aid to the Academy was necessary if it was to carry out its programme of holding exhibitions in other and more distant cities than those to which its exhibitions have latterly been limited. As no action on any of these questions has yet been taken, it is not requisite here to say more concerning them.

Grants, as in previous years, have been placed in the hands of the resident Academicians of Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa for the maintenance of free classes for study from the life.

The next exhibition will be held in the Galleries of the Art Association, of Montreal, arrangements having been made as in previous years.

A vacancy has been declared for one Academician painter. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on April 8th. The attention of members who may not be present is requested to the regulation respecting elections in the Revised Constitution. It is to be hoped that members will recollect that it is a duty to vote. The permanence and status of the Academy, it is hardly necessary to point out, must depend on the standing of its members as artists. It is the duty of all members to form the most carefully weighed and conscientious opinion on the merits of the various candidates and to vote accordingly. It is only in this way that the much to be deplored system of canvassing and caucusing can be done away with. The question of voting calls for notice because in the past the neglect of those not present, to send in voting papers and in some cases even the abstaining from voting of members present at elections, make it possible for Academicians and Associates to be elected who may actually have very small claims in the general opinion of the members. This carelessness as to voting has always been one of our vices if it is permitted to call it so. I would earnestly urge members to reform in this particular.