

Vice-President, on "The Gyroscope," (repeated by request) and a third by Edmund Meredith, L.L.D., on "Words and phrases, an index to national character and habits of thought," are up to this period entitled to be mentioned. Before this Report can be published other Papers will doubtless have been read, according to promises already made. It has been proposed that the Members of Legislature should be formally invited to attend these Stated Meetings; and thereby perhaps some attention may be excited to the claims of the Society on public support and Legislative patronage.

During the latter part of the year, some ten or twelve gentlemen have been elected Associate Members of the Society, or rather have rejoined on their return to Quebec. Were things in a proper training, and in a better organized position, many more would, beyond doubt be glad to be enrolled under our banners, and several more old friends would be happy to return. In former years the Society numbered in its ranks many of the most respectable members of the Mercantile community, who, even if they could not attend the meetings of the Society or personally promote its special objects, considered themselves in a manner obliged to lend their name and influence to a local Institution of such a nature; and, by their annual subscriptions, to contribute to its vitality. We regret to find that, of late, several of these names have been suffered, from want of due vigilance and attention, to fall off from the list of Actual Members. At the commencement of the year, intelligence reached this city, that Robert Symes, Esq., latterly a Life Member, and formerly (for many years) Treasurer of the Literary and Historical Society, departed this life much regretted as a very active and useful member of the social community in general, and of this Society in particular. Appropriate resolutions were passed on