

there is no question but that both in respect of the number of pupils attending, in the quality of the work done, and in the growth of the interest felt in the school throughout the city, the past season has been by far the most successful of any yet carried through.

It has been a fundamental principle of the institution since the commencement, now six years ago, that its object should be sound work, not display, and solid action rather than words. It is to this traditional policy, so ably endorsed and carried out by the staff of instructors of the school, that whatever of success may now begin to be manifest is due. The students are becoming thorough, and more and more critical of their own work. Your Executive have endeavored to maintain this principle in full force, and both they and the students whom they have tried to serve realize their defects, and see that for directors and directed there is grand scope in the coming year for approach, not to perfection, which is fortunately unattainable, but to something better than has been reached by them in the past.

To this end it is earnestly to be trusted that all those many residents in this city whose interests, business or personal, are affected advantageously by the growth of such an institution as ours in their midst, will look with generous eyes on the school by which they or theirs will be benefitted, and will not permit its expansion to be dwarfed through lack of the small financial support it requires. Through its school fees and the Government and Academy grants accorded to its successful efforts it now nearly supplies its own means of maintenance. Were it at the present time, by a strong, united effort freed from its remaining encumbrance, namely, the \$900 of mortgage still resting on its property, and were it, further, established in such additional extent of premises as are now called for, there is little doubt of its becoming altogether self-supporting.

It was thereupon moved by Dr. Hill, seconded by Col. Irwin, that the report just read be received and adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, that the Treasurer's audited statement, read in such report, be received and adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Fuller, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, that the report as adopted be printed, and that a copy be sent to each member.—Carried.