

During the year we have received the following donations :

FOR THE MUSEUM:—*Two Fishes,—Squids;* from Mr. James Carman.
An old Copy of the Original Charter of the City of Saint John, as first published in this Province; and The Laws passed by the Provincial Legislature during the very earliest Sessions of that Legislature; from the late venerable ex-Clerk of the House of Assembly, Charles P. Wetmore, Esq.
FOR THE LIBRARY:—"Catalogue of the Library of Jared Sparks;" from Mrs. Sparks, through the U. S. Consul.

There has also been presented to us the sum of *fifty dollars* by John Boyd, Esquire, who generously returned, as a gift to the Institute, the fee which was tendered him for his services as one of the lecturers in our Course.

The abstract of the accounts hereto appended shows, under their several heads, the receipts and expenditures for the year past. And the Statement of Liabilities exhibits the amount of the Institute's indebtedness. The Board submit herewith an Estimate of expenditures and probable receipts for the ensuing year, which will, they think, prove a very near approximation to the actual income and outlay.

From this Exhibit it will appear that our financial position renders it absolutely necessary that some plan should at once be adopted by which the liabilities may be reduced, and that at least the sum of *One Thousand Dollars* should be forthwith raised, and applied to that purpose. By such means the Directors may be now enabled to adjust the annual expenses of the Institute to its annual income, and to keep them within that limit in future.

The President and Directors have deemed it their duty to lay the whole subject of our finances thus fully and plainly before the Members, in order to have the matter fairly and properly discussed, and to secure the united and hearty co-operation of all in any scheme which, in the exercise of a sound judgment, may be devised for placing our affairs upon a solid and firm footing, and for ensuring the lasting prosperity of an institution which has done so much good in this community in by-gone days, and which may be made the instrument of so much good in the days to come.

GILBERT MURDOCH, President.

H. LAWRENCE STURDEE, Secretary.

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