

A most successful course of Lectures had again been delivered by several of the Lecturers already mentioned, and by Hon. W. Badgley, D. C. L., Hon. Judge Mondelet, Rev. W. Leach, D. D., A. Cross, Esq., A. Morris, B. A., T. S. Hunt, Esq., E. A. Meredith, Esq., L. L. D., John Leeming, Esq., and several others of the most prominent and respected of the citizens of Montreal. A class of upwards of 60 had been successfully formed for the study of Commercial Law, upon which subject Lectures were delivered by Henry Driscoll, Esq., Q. C.,

A literary society, called the Athenæum Club, having for its object the improvement of its members in literature and elocution, had also proved very successful.

The membership showed a decrease, as compared with the previous year, greater in appearance than in reality, as many non-paying members had been struck off the books.

The tenth Report, presented 25th November, 1850, represented the position of the Association as having at the beginning of the year been embarrassing in more respects than one. The financial position, which during the year had been "perilous in the extreme," was greatly improved by the results of efforts made to obtain new subscribers, and of an appeal to the public for assistance, which was "generously responded to," and resulted in a subscription of £267 18s. 7d. towards lessening the debt of the Association, which in sums varying between £578 in 1843, and £417 in 1849, had constantly weighed upon the Institution.

The Association was "almost entirely relieved from embarrassments," and the prospects at the close of the year were cheering. The total number of Members was 480, of whom 76 were Life and Honorary Members. The number of Members at the close of the previous year was 509.

In the following year, 1851, the Report drew attention to the "steady progress which the Association continued to make;" the prosperity being attributed chiefly to the harmony and good feeling which prevailed among the Members, and the general desire to promote its interests.