

was suggested for the consideration and approval of the Society; those suggestions have been carried out, and the consequence has been that we now find ourselves ranking in no secondary degree with the other Literary Associations of the Metropolis,—equalling them in the accommodation which we are enabled to afford to our members, and graced with the sanction of the name of the Representative of our Sovereign. Under any circumstances this last would be a proud reflection, but when we consider the character of the noble individual who has vouchsafed us his countenance and protection, when we reflect on that wisdom, that gentleness of heart, and liberality of disposition, which render all imitation vain and hopeless, it is difficult to overestimate the advantage and consideration which accrues to us from being allowed to place the name of His Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe in the van of our undertaking—our Patron, Friend, and Example.

The objects which we proposed to ourselves at the beginning of the year, in addition to the procuring the Patronage of the Governor General, were briefly these: the acquisition of a Hall and Furniture of our own, and the collection of a Library. In one of these objects we have wholly succeeded, in the other two but partially. We certainly *have* furniture, which, through the liberality of the Members, is not unworthy of being placed in a more ambitious chamber than that in which we now assemble, which latter, although not “our own,” may in one sense be said to be so, inasmuch as it is wholly devoted to the use of the Society. But still we must not lose sight of the consummation at which we have ever aimed, the erection of a Chamber which shall be emphatically “our own,” a credit to the Society and an ornament to Montreal. At the risk of being branded as a visionary, I confidently predict that few “Sessions” of this Association will elapse, ere the “Shakspeare Club House” will have arisen, a building chaste in its design, convenient in its arrangement, and elegant (but inexpensive) in its ornaments and details. I steadfastly believe, that, with the constant acquisition of Members, which we have a right to expect,—with a prudent man-

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