

in which he composed and revised most of the prayers they have in use up to the present. Since June, 1891, he has also had to deal with the Shushwap Indians, and, as the language is similar to that in use by the Indians of Thompson River, he very soon became familiar with it.

“He tried several years ago to teach the Indians to read in the English characters, but without avail, and two years ago, he undertook to teach them in shorthand, experimenting first upon a young Indian boy who learned the shorthand after a single lesson and began to help teach the others. The work went on slowly until last winter, when they began to be interested in it all over the country, and since then they have been learning it with eagerness and teaching it to one another.”

RAOUL RENAULT.

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## LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEBEC

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*Annual general meeting: 12th January, 1898*

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### ANNUAL REPORT

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The annual general meeting of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec was held on Wednesday morning, the 12th January, in the library of the Society, at 10 o'clock. There was a fairly attendance of Members. After the minutes for the last annual meeting were read, the reports for the past year were submitted.

#### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1897.

In addition to the general management of the affairs of the Society, the President and Directors have had during the present year to deal with three subjects of paramount interest to the members of the Association, viz :—1. The promotion of an Endowment Fund ; 2. New arrangements for the publication of the Society's transactions and historical documents ; 3. The prosecution of a claim against the Provincial