

The Corporation of Quebec having been put into possession, by the Provincial Government, of the building in which the Society is provided with apartments, have called upon the Society to pay rent at the rate of £25 per annum. The Council, on the part of the Society, have answered the demand, by stating to the Corporation that when the Provincial Government, in 1841, granted the Society the apartments which it now occupies, it was without any other condition than that the Society should give them up, when required for public purposes. That the funds of the Society do not admit of their paying any rent, and that the Council, on the part of the Society, will appeal to the Government to protect them in the free enjoyment of the possession of the apartments in question.

The Council for the past year, in laying before the Members, a statement of the progress and condition of the Society, while they lament that it is not of a more encouraging character, do not conceive that there is any reason to doubt of the ultimate success and usefulness of the Society. All Institutions of the same nature have ever been subject to the same fluctuations and occasional depressions, and some which have appeared to lie dormant for years, have after while revived and sprung into renewed life and vigour. There is no reason to despair that the lagging energies of our Institution may again be roused to action when present accidental causes have passed away, and that it may again continue to fulfil the purposes of its foundation. Your officers of the past year, in retiring from the stations they have filled, can breathe no more ardent wish than that their