

urer. The whole of this latter amount they were obliged to invest according to the by-law, thus leaving the Committee without a single dollar in the Treasurer's hands, either to relieve the distressed or pay off the old debts of the Society, for which they were constantly being asked. Finding themselves in this position they immediately made up the amount due by members, and found that 302 members at \$2 each owed \$604; 176 at \$4 owed \$704; 36 at \$6 owed \$216; 8 at \$8 owed \$64; 8 at \$10 owed \$80; and 1 owed \$12; total, \$1,680. A collector was sent out and every exertion made to get in the available dues from the members. Some paid on application; some said call again; others that they could not afford to pay, and a large number could not be found, having removed from their former residences.

A number of gentlemen have organized for the purpose of celebrating the Tercentenary of Shakspeare, and a notice has been sent to the President of this Society, asking him to take part in it. As the day is the 23rd of April, our own Saint's day, the Society may consider it appropriate to assist in the celebration.

In conclusion, the Committee have the satisfaction of having made every effort they possibly could, and if they have not been as successful as they could have desired, yet they can congratulate the members on the fact of leaving the affairs of the Society in a very much better state than they found them.

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