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During the past year the Institute has lost by death two distinguished life members, the Rev. Walter Stennett, of Cobourg, and Prof. G. Paxton Young. Apart from his special attainments in the department of Mental and Moral Philosophy, Prof. Young was a mathematician of a very high order; some of his later papers read before and published in the Proceedings of the Institute, place him in the foremost rank of mathematicians.

In recognition of his valuable services at the inception and in the early days of the Institute, as well as his honorable professional career, Mr. Kivas Tully, C.E., (who was our first Secretary) has been elected an honorary member.

Your Council is much gratified to announce that the invitation of the Institute to the American Association for the Advancement of Science to hold its next meeting in this city has been accepted, and there are bright prospects of a very successful meeting.

Following up the memorial of January, 1888, meetings have been held with the Honorable Commissioner of Crown Lands with reference to setting aside a tract of land for the preservation of the forests and wild animals in this Province. At his suggestion a memorial with a sketch map showing an area which could be made available for such purposes is being prepared.

The reports of the various Sections are appended. They all show satisfactory progress in their several branches.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES CARPMAEL,

President.