

a total of only £168 to meet disbursements amounting in the aggregate to £245. Further claims, in the shape of rent, fuel, attendance, books and periodicals, still due by the Society, can however, in the present state of the General Fund, be liquidated with facility.

The amount of subscriptions outstanding for the past year is £42, part of which is owing by members residing out of Quebec, who have not yet been applied to for their arrears. The Historical Document Fund, as seen by the Bank book, stands at £121 8s. 7d.

In connection with the prospects of the institution, your Treasurer has to mention that, although our list contains the names of two gentlemen as "life members," an honor conferred on them in consideration of services rendered to the Society, Mr. Glover is the first who has subscribed the Life Member's Fee of £10 :—which, by the charter, goes towards the formation of a Sinking Fund. By such free will offerings, which always redound to the honor of the donor, your Treasurer has further hope, that the financial condition of the Society may be relieved, and its usefulness and reputation further extended. In Europe and the neighboring Republic, institutions having for their object the promotion of the sciences, and the culture of learning, receive a liberal encouragement from the public generally, and are seldom compelled to solicit other aid than that which an educated mind will always extend ;—here, however, notwithstanding the comparatively trifling meed of support allowed the Society at different times by the Legislature, the apathy of the many citizens who might be useful members, the disadvantages it has suffered like other similar institutions in Lower Canada from the division of language in the community, and the great losses it has recently experienced, have combined to produce a crisis in the history of the Literary and Historical Society that calls alike for renewed efforts on the part of those who have already praiseworthy exerted themselves to sustain its credit and for an extraneous support from all desirous of manifesting