

In such results every one of philanthropic mind will rejoice.

That which was noticed in last year's Report as a feature of the Association, we trust we may still claim to be characteristic of it, namely, a moral, nay higher, tone given to all its movements. Upon such a basis only can it stand secure; and if ever this basis shall become weakened, the Association will totter and fall.

Your Board have reason to suppose the Association will have to vacate these Rooms, because of their being required for Government purposes, but, in the absence of official intimation, they cannot speak definitely. They would, however, take leave to commend this matter to the notice of their successors.

Your Board now conclude, and apologize for the lengthiness of this Report; they are not aware, however, that all they had to say could be expressed in fewer words. Of the fifteen who stood here thirteen months ago, and received from you in charge the interests of the Association—all are not here to resign to you their trust: one has gone to the father-land never more probably to return to this; two have resigned; and two are numbered with the dead, and "the places which once knew them shall know them no more for ever." How changing is the scene!

In resigning their trust into your hands, your Board will perhaps be allowed to say, that the Association has had their best intentions and their best efforts; and they retire with the expression of their most sincere well-wishes for the prosperity of the "MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL."

Montreal, February 7, 1844.