

present a congratulatory address and were most cordially received.

The Address and His Excellency's reply will be read for the satisfaction of those members who were unable to attend on the occasion.

The financial affairs of the Society, the particulars of which will be found in the Treasurer's Report, continue satisfactory.

There is one point however which your Committee cannot abstain from alluding to, and with regret, namely, the arrears, which have considerably increased, and they trust that in view of the pressing calls which the Society may expect during the present winter of dear bread and fuel, that these arrears will be promptly diminished.

Our last anniversary was celebrated by the attendance of the members at a service in the Cathedral, the Sermon being preached by the Patron of the Society, the Lord Bishop of Quebec; prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Mackie, one of the Society's Chaplains, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Pleas.

The Society was again indebted to the Organist of the Cathedral, John Carter, Esq., the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Choir, and other amateur Musicians, who kindly gave their valuable assistance in the performance of a very gratifying Musical Service. A number of the Members also celebrated the day by dining together at Russell's Hotel.

During the past year the Society has secured an addition of one life and one ordinary member. The obituary list of the Society has, your Committee lament to say, been added to during the past twelve months, by the death of Messrs. W. B. Meyer, A. Hawkins, and W. Holchouse, the two former were original members, W. B. Meyer Esqr., being at the time of his death, your first Vice-President. A number of the Members paid their last mark of respect by attending his funeral.

To the late Mr. A. Hawkins, the Society was indebted for much valuable aid rendered to the Committee, his influence as Shipping Master of the Port of Quebec being of essential service.

The whole respectfully submitted,

WESTON HUNT,
President.