

them towards the exhibition ; the best thanks of the Association are justly due to the gentlemen referred to. The subject of art classes was referred to in the last annual report, but with regret that it was not in the power of Council to report anything of a definite character about them. In our present report we are able to state that we have opened a school under the direction of an efficient teacher, Mr. Harris. Twenty-five pupils have joined the class, which will, perhaps, prove self-supporting. The report refers next to our reading-room. I can testify that this room is visited daily by numbers of our members, and that it seems to be well appreciated. While on this subject I would say that it is desirable that, year by year, by special efforts, books of authority treating of art generally, and particularly of architecture and painting—old and new books on such subjects, books descriptive of the old and modern galleries and collections in Europe, should be procured and placed in our reading-room. The older works are getting rare, but can be procured at moderate enough prices at present ; they will soon become dearer. Were even fifty or sixty pounds a year contributed, by small subscriptions of ten pounds or even five pounds annually, we would in five or six years have a very interesting collection and of real utility. The report passes to the subject of an art-union, stating what has been done about that effort, proposed in the interest of the Canadian artists. It is impossible to predict what the result will be, all depending upon the measure of support that the public will extend to it. Two etchings, one by Stephen Parrish and the other by F. S. Church, have been acquired, either of which can be selected by any subscriber. The reputation of the artists is high, and the etchings are pronounced by competent judges to be meritorious works. Each subscriber will, of course, have a chance of a much more valuable prize at the final drawing. The expenditures on our building, our accounts, and our insurances fall next to be referred to in the report, and I believe will be found full and satisfactory. Our building, as has been stated in former reports, is now unencumbered. The report expresses regret that the number of our annual subscribers has fallen somewhat short of that of last year. This is true and we ought to have more of these