

This entertainment was not intended so much to raise funds as to bring the members and their friends together in the Institute building, and it will probably be admitted by all who were present that the occasion was one of such enjoyment as to invite a repetition of this experiment.

The public having extended such generous aid in the manner indicated, the Board determined that some special effort should be made for the public in return. A school for gratuitous instruction in freehand and mechanical drawing was therefore formed, and under the management of Mr. Frederick H. C. Miles has now been in successful operation for five months and upwards. This school will be temporarily closed on the sixteenth April, to be reopened in the Autumn. During its continuance 200 pupils were enrolled from the Cities of Saint John and Portland and the outlying districts. The report of the Committee in charge is presented herewith.

The revenue derived from the rental of the auditorium during the past year has been more than \$700.00 in excess of the revenue from the same source in the preceding year, but there has been a slight decrease in the sale of members tickets during the past year as compared with the preceding twelve months.

During the year some necessary repairs and improvements have been made at comparatively small cost, including repairs to the roof of the building and painting and papering the Director's Room.

The usual statements of accounts are submitted herewith.

The following is the programme of lectures and entertainments during the regular course of the past year :