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*HAMILTON LAW ASSOCIATION.*

The annual meeting of this Association was held on Tuesday, January 13.

The membership has increased from 78 to 86. The Trustees report the death of Sir Emilius Irving, K.C., who was the first president of the association, also of Mr. Eakins, who for many years inspected the library. The report also states that the total number of books in the library are 5,131, of which 149 volumes have been added during the year, two special additions being Halsbury's Laws of England (25 vols.) and Encyclopedia of Forms and Precedents (17 vols.).

The librarian expressed pleasure at the fact that no books had been missing during the past year. This strikes us as saying more for the honesty or thoughtfulness of the profession in Hamilton than can be said as to those in some other places.

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*MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION.*

This subject was referred to in our first issue for this year in an article entitled, "The betterment of Civic conditions," written by a gentleman well qualified for the task, and who had been asked to look into the working of Municipal matters in Germany and other places on the Continent. The suggestions made by that writer at the conclusion of his paper (ante page 5) are well worthy of careful consideration.

All light on the subject is valuable. Additional information will be gathered from an address given recently at the Club for the Study of Social Science in Toronto, by Miss Curlette, and we give it to our readers for future reference in connection with this important subject—one, which will, we venture to think, become more and more prominent until some change is made in the direction indicated. It is beyond question that our system of Municipal Government, admirable though it may be in rural municipalities, has proved a failure in the cities. Miss Curlette spoke as follows:—