

ished, and a career of extreme usefulness is evidently before this Association.

Meetings are held in the Fraser Institute, Montreal, on the first Friday in each month from October to May inclusive, when essays on Planetary Meteorology, Astronomy and Meteorology are read by associates. When necessary, extra meetings are held. The special aims of this Association may be briefly summarized as the study of Astronomy and Meteorology, but more particularly with regard to Astronomy as connected with terrestrial phenomena.

Thirty-one papers were read during the session. Of these President Smith contributed 16, Secretary Beuthner 5, Vice-President Pigeon 4, Councillor McNab 2, Vice-President Small 1, Vice-President Foster 1, Councillor Birt 1, and Associate Lawrence 1.

#### FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

This took place at Montreal on the evening of Nov. 4th, 1887, the President in the chair. The meeting was largely attended. Eleven new members were elected. The retiring Secretary, Mr. J. Brown, read his annual report, which showed a gain of 45 associates during the year, bringing up the total to 68. Twenty-two papers had been read. The report was declared very satisfactory and was adopted. A vote of thanks being tendered Mr. Brown for his work in the Association's behalf.

The election of officers, whose names appeared in last years PLANETARY ALMANAC, followed, after which, President Walter H. Smith, on the occasion of his fourth successive election, delivered his Annual Address, taking for his subject "The year's progress in Planetary Meteorology, Astronomy and Meteorology."

The address dealt with some of the leading events that had transpired during the year in the sciences of Astro-Meteorology and Astronomy. It also touched upon the most noteworthy observations, astro-meteorological and astronomical, to occur during the twelve months just commencing. The successes of Astro-Meteorology during the year were pointed out in a review of the Meteorology of the year, and a hope expressed that at the close of next year predictive weather science would be in a yet more hopeful condition. "Go on," said Mr. Smith, "and the Light will come to you." He regretted the small interest in Astronomy taken by Canadians, when their neighbors over the border were doing so much, where Burnham, Young, Hall, Newcombe, Hill, Pickering, Chandler, Brooks, Barnard, Gould, Peters, Hough and Swift had