

On motion, it was resolved that the Report be printed, with these financial statements, for the use of Members. The Meeting then adjourned.

REPORT.

The Rules of the Society direct that general meetings of the members be held each year, on four special occasions ; of these meetings, three occur at short intervals within the first seven months ; the fourth is fixed for the 8th December, or the Sunday within the octave of that day. As this last named assembly falls very near the end of the ordinary year, it is, in Canada at least, generally considered to be pre-eminently the Annual Meeting ; our accounts are therefore closed on the 30th November, and a statement is prepared, showing the work done during the preceding twelve months. In conformity with this custom, we now submit the usual annual statements, and compare them with those furnished at the corresponding period of last year ; we can thus easily see whether our operations have contracted or extended during the time indicated ; and by learning the actual position of our Society may be incited to renewed efforts for its advancement. Although the returns now laid before you show a falling off in the amount of material work as compared with that of last year, we are not disposed to attribute this result to a want of zeal on the part of our Confreres, but are rather disposed to accept it as an indication of improvement in the condition of the poor, and as a harbinger of the long talked of, and anxiously expected, " better times."