

These may be classified as follows :—

Honorary Members, . . .	15
Corresponding do., . . .	7
Life do., . . .	140
Ordinary do., . . .	576

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Shewing an increase during the year of 236, Life Members included. The increase of Ordinary Members may, in a great measure, be attributed to the adoption of the Free Class system during the past winter, a measure which induced a large number of apprentices and others to connect themselves with the Institute. Your Committee would here point out to the Members in general, the importance of individual exertion for increasing the List of Membership. A very slight effort on the part of individual Members would soon swell the list to double its present number. The Committee are confident that if the aims and objects of the Institute were more fully known and understood, it would be appreciated and supported in a corresponding degree, by that large and important class of the community—the working Mechanics—whose interests it is more especially designed to promote.

#### THE LIBRARY.

The Library has received a large measure of attention from the Sub-Committee, to whose charge it was committed. The additions made to it during the year amount to 133 volumes, 84 of which were by purchase, and 54 donations. In consequence of the bad condition in which many of the works were found, a considerable number had to be re-