

The sum of \$10,000 has been offered to the Association, through Mr. J. H. R. Molson, upon the condition that the Gallery be opened to the public on Sundays, the hours to be observed, to be the same as on week days. It seemed to the Council desirable that this offer should be referred for consideration to the members at the Annual Meeting.

OBITUARY.

The Council have with much regret, to record the loss to the Association by death, of Mr. M. H. Gault, Governor; Mr. Charles F. Smithers, Life Member; Mrs. Mercer, Miss Tubby, Messrs. Samuel Waddell and W. D. McLaren, Annual Members.

There have been fourteen resignations from Membership in the course of the year, while, on the other hand, the Council are able to announce that the list of Governors has been augmented by two, three new life members have been added, while the Annual members have reached 420, being an increase of 111 upon the membership of last year, (fifteen out of this number have not, as yet paid their subscriptions.) This gratifying increase is, in a great measure, due to the energy of the Secretary, and also appears to be an evidence of the growing popularity of the Association.

CONCLUSION.

The Council feel happy in being able to congratulate themselves, and the members in general, upon the increase of the membership and the apparent quickening of interest in art matters on the part of the Montreal public. But they would venture to urge strongly the paramount importance of a substantial Endowment Fund. Until this is firmly established, the progress of Art in connection with this institution