

in the editorial department, for their uniform kindness and courtesy towards me at all times, also to the Vice-President, Mr. Rose, who as Printer of the *Antiquarian* has never ceased to take a lively interest in its success, and has spared no labour or expense to make it a worthy exponent of the aims and objects for which the Society is incorporated.

Another subject upon which I very sincerely congratulate the Members is the fact that the Society has during the past year obtained a grant from the Provincial Government to aid it in its labours. Our Treasurer will duly report to you that he is in possession of the grant for the current year; and you are probably already aware that the Society has been included in the estimates for the coming year, so that in a financial point of view we are certainly in a better position than we have been at any former period.

It should now be our aim to increase the usefulness of the Society, by endeavouring to induce our friends to take an interest in our work and to become members of the Society, and to do this effectually, I am more than ever convinced that we should place the Society and its collection prominently before the public. I am sure that if our collection of coins, medals, &c., was on exhibition, we should very soon find persons willing to lend their assistance to increase our store of specimens, and also our library, which department I regard as a very important and attractive branch, and one which can scarcely be overestimated in its value and usefulness to the community.

Let not be discouraged at the smallness of the commencement, as the acorn becomes in time the sturdy oak, as the babbling brook, in its course becomes the mighty river, let us "pluck up heart of grace" and determine never to relax in our efforts until we have made the cabinet of this Society a source of interest and instruction to the entire population of Montreal.

Although we have made some progress during the past