

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR 1885.

The Committee of Management have the honor to lay before the members the fiftieth annual report, and in doing so desire to congratulate the Society on its attainment, this year, of the fiftieth year of its existence Founded on the 16th of October, 1835, it has since then, by prudent and careful management, succeeded not only in doing a vast amount of good as the years went by, but also in strengthening its financial position in such a manner as to ensure a career of usefulness in the years to come. All those who called the meeting to promote the formation of the Society have since passed away, with the single exception of Col. John Dyde, now a resident of Montreal, and still, we believe, hale and hearty; and only three of the Committee of Management, named in the Act of Incorporation in 1849, are still living.

Feeling that it was desirable to commemorate an epoch of so much importance as the fiftieth year of our existence, the members of the Society dined together, on the eve of the last St. George's Day, at the Garrison Club, where a very enjoyable time was spent, some account of which will be found appended to this report. The Lord Bishop also, in his sermon on the evening of St. George's Day, alluded to the important event which the Society this year celebrated, and the sermon is printed *in extenso* with this report.

The ordinary business of the year has been uneventful, the chief work has been in the distribution of about the usual amount of relief to various applicants, some of whom have been in very great necessity and really would not have known what to do had this Society not been in existence to afford them relief.

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