

Treasures of Our Library

At the public annual meeting (Feb. 9th, 1901) of the Historical Society of Manitoba the following interesting paper was presented by Rev. Dr. Bryce, a life member and one of the first officers of the Society, on the "Book Treasures of the Historical Society Library."

During this month of February occurs the semi-jubilee of the Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba. The first meeting for the organization of the Society was held in the Court House, Winnipeg, on the 23rd of January, 1879. On the 22nd of February following that date the constitution was adopted and the first board of officers and managers was elected. We are impressed by the fact, as we read the names of that board, that the grim reaper has been very busy during the twenty-five years that have passed.

The following made up the first Board of Officers :

President—Hon. Chief Justice Wood.

First Vice-President—James Cowan, M.D.

Second Vice-President—Alex. McArthur, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Prof. Bryce.

Recording Secretary—Mr. Alex. Begg.

Treasurer—Mr. S. R. Parsons.

Executive Council—Rev. Canon Grisdale, Donald Codd, Esq., Mr. A. H. Whitcher, Mr. James H. Rowan, Mr. E. W. Jarvis, John F. Bain, Esq., Mr. James Stewart, Hon. John Norquay, Hon. Joseph Royal.

Of these fifteen, nine, so far as known to the writer, have passed away. The survivors are Bishop Grisdale, Judge Bain, A. H. Whitcher (Ottawa), S. B. Parsons (Toronto), and the writer.