

## ANNUAL REPORT, A. D. 1888-89.

*To the Members of the Mechanics' Institute of St. John:*

THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS have great pleasure in submitting a Report of a very different nature from that which might fairly have been anticipated twelve months ago.

At that time there was a general impression not only that the Institute could not be continued, but that there was at least a question whether, in ceasing to exist, its properties would be found sufficient to meet outstanding liabilities.

By the exercise of well directed energy and the growth among the members and friends of the institution of a more lively interest in its welfare than previously existed, the gloomy prospects have been temporally and it is trusted permanently removed; and the Mechanics' Institute, after more than fifty years of varied fortune, still continues, ready to enact its part in the history of a City about to be enlarged in its area, greatly increased in population, and, it is hoped, indued with greater enterprise than during the past.

Shortly after the creation of the new Board, an appeal was made on behalf of the Institute to the citizens, which met with a general and favorable response, the sum of \$1201.00 being thereby realized. This fund was supplemented to the extent of \$295.00 being the net proceeds of a series of *tableaux vivants* given by a number of ladies and gentlemen under the able management of Mrs. Temple, and also by \$65.17, the net proceeds of a *Conversazione* under the management of the Board and a committee of ladies.