

objects of paramount importance, which may, and ought to have an influence on the mental and physical improvement of the present and the future inhabitants of these provinces, beyond the temporary effects produced by political changes.

During the year there has been a considerable accession of members, and several former associates have rejoined the Society. This has of late become conspicuously evident; and even on this occasion there is a cheering increase to be added to the list. The meetings of the Society have been attended, during the year, with sufficient regularity to conduct the business of the Society; only one instance occurred when a quorum could not conveniently be formed, and this, on account of the accidental absence of a vice-president. Still there is room for improvement in this respect, and for the increased zeal and attendance of members, uniting to forward the ordinary business, and to promote the great objects of the Society.

In the commencement of last year the Society was deprived of the services of Robert Symes Esq., as Treasurer, an office which he had for many years filled with unremitting zeal. The thanks of the Society were duly voted to their esteemed associate, whose services were fully appreciated by those who had longest witnessed his persevering exertions for the prosperity of the Society.

The evening meetings which the Society had resolved should be resumed, could not conveniently be continued in consequence of the changes in the parliamentary buildings; but stated evening meetings, once every fortnight, were lately appointed to take place; and the use of a room was procured for this purpose in the Hotel-de-Ville, through the kindness of His Worship the Mayor, one of our associate members. Two of these meetings have already been held; and it is confidently hoped, they will be continued with increasing interest, and if possible, considerable additions secured for the comfort, encouragement, and convenience of all who attend. It is purposed to begin these conversaziones, as hitherto, with a paper, or short lecture, on some literary or scientific topic, and to pass the rest of the time in friendly discussions or conversation. A committee has been appointed to consider the propriety of securing suitable apartments and accommodation for the promotion of this object.