

and that persons not members of any of the Societies should be allowed the privilege of attending the Lecture and Reading Rooms on paying an annual subscription ; and finally, that the different Societies should elect members from one to the other at a modified rate of subscription, and that the persons so elected should be considered as *subscribing* members only, without a share in the management of the Society into which they should, respectively, be chosen.

These propositions were referred back to the several Societies ; but, although adopted by this Society at a General Meeting, on the 21st February last, the only one that has been carried into full effect is that which recommended that all should be collected into one building ; accordingly, in that in which you are now assembled, the Quebec Library, the Quebec Library Association, formed early in last winter, and the Mechanics' Institute, are collected and pursuing their respective designs, but pursuing them separately, except that the Quebec Mechanics' Institute have offered to this Society the privilege of using as a Lecture Room, the Reading Room now occupied in this building by the Institute.

In May last a Committee of your Society having been appointed to confer with the Quebec Library Association, and ascertain upon what terms the members of this Society might be admitted to the privileges of their Library, Reading and Lecture Rooms, it appeared by the report of the Committee, that the Library Association stipulated for a fixed payment by this Society of £30 (from June last, to the 1st May 1845.) for the