

# THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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## EXPENDITURES.

By Secretary's Salary .....	\$25 00
" Printing and Advertising .....	63 77
" Stationery, Postage and Express charges.....	10 16
" Caretaker and Gas.....	7 30
" Incidental expenses connected with Excursion...	1 75
" Chartering Boat for Excursion.....	90 00
" Unpaid account of ex-Treasurer.....	8 97
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	\$206 95
Balance on Deposit.....	40 45
Cash on hand .....	2 93
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	\$250 33

JOHN S. KING, } Auditors.  
JOHN CAMPBELL. }

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As we are again assembled in our Annual Convention, permit me to open my remarks with a reference to the utility of such gatherings. It is a question with some whether they are really of much service. That must largely depend on the way in which they are conducted. If, however, we fail in effecting any great good, I trust we shall do no harm, which is more than can be said of some other assemblies. Even Parliaments are not always harmless, and whether doing good or evil, tax the people pretty heavily for their labours. Conferences, Synods, and Ecumenical Councils sometimes talk nonsense, and of late have almost seemed inclined to try how great a weight of absurdity the religious faculty will bear. Let us be encouraged; whatever we do or say, we shall scarcely reach the abyss of folly attained by certain Cardinals and Bishops. Should these discussions not happen to shed any marvellous light, they will at least impose no taxes, fulminate no anathemas, and deluge no fields with blood. It is vacation with us, and if we choose to amuse ourselves with lectures, addresses, and debates pertaining to our profession, we shall perhaps return to our homes somewhat better prepared for the toil of the schoolroom. But we have a higher aim, and in due time shall effect more than recreation. Nearly every year our Legislature makes an attempt at school legislation, and it seldom