

evidence of the strong attachment the young men have to this their country, and your committee feel satisfied that the past winter's literary work is only the foundation for a more exhaustive study of its history. Each meeting was opened by a short musical programme under the able direction of the convener, Mr. Robinson, thus adding much to the evening's entertainment.

To foster a missionary spirit among the members it was unanimously decided to contribute to the support of our Church's Missionary to India, the Rev. R. C. Murray. We are pleased to report that the Society contributed the sum of one hundred dollars.

During the winter two enjoyable social meetings were held, a means whereby the members may become acquainted.

It is our sad duty to report the death of one of our committee, Mr. J. H. Samuel, while on duty in the defence of our city. We merely bear testimony to his sterling worth, in him our Society has lost one of its most active members.

Although the literary and musical entertainments have been of a very interesting nature, still some of the members, especially the younger, have not realized that to be a member of the Society is a privilege, otherwise they would make it a point to be present.

The election of office-bearers for the Session 1885-86 took place the 20th October, 1885, when the above-named office-bearers were elected. It was decided after some deliberation that the literary part of the meetings be as last year, upon Canadian subjects, and your Committee were successful in getting specialists to treat the subjects chosen, the importance of which the members, it is expected, will show their appreciation of by being present at each meeting.

We are pleased to report a large increase in the membership, there being now 216 names on the roll.

It is in contemplation that the Society should undertake some missionary work in the city. The Rev. Mr. Barclay feeling that the Society should be interested in work of that nature, we hope all the necessary assistance will be given in aiding him in the work.

The Sunday morning meetings at 10.15 A.M. began on the 1st November and have been held every Sunday morning since, one of the members presiding at each meeting. These meetings have been well attended, there being from 20 to 30 present each Sunday, and those who have availed themselves of these opportunities for the study of the Scriptures have not only derived benefit therefrom but also contributed in adding encouragement to our pastor in his work.

13th January, 1886.

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