

the mastery. The strongest and most fortunate ultimately became supreme. Julius Caesar was thus produced and the old constitution and senatorial supremacy expired. The second part of the paper was devoted to "Lessons from the Teachings of Cicero," quoted largely from those writings of Cicero which teach and discuss the moral duties.

ELEVENTH MEETING.

Eleventh Meeting, 28th January, 1893, the President in the chair.

Donations and Exchanges, 33.

Mr. Alan Macdougall, C.E., and Mr. James Bain, Jr., were appointed representatives on the Board of the Industrial Exhibition Association.

Rev. Philip Tocque, A.M., read a paper on "The Great Fires of St. John's, Newfoundland, from 1816."

TWELFTH MEETING.

Twelfth Meeting, 4th February, 1893, the President in the chair.

Donations and Exchanges, 53.

R. N. Wilson, of Fort McLeod, Alberta, was elected a member.

Mr. W. A. Sherwood read a paper on "Hindrances to American Art." He said there could be no phase of art thought more difficult to grasp than that which fell to his lot that evening to discourse upon. Long before the revolution, to the very foundation of colonial life, might well be traced the fundamental basis of "Hindrances to American Art." The Puritans, justly indignant at the licentious character of the English court, carried their dislike to the utmost verge of practice. Painting, royally encouraged in the palace of the Stuarts, fell a victim, like many sister arts, to the contempt of the new colonists. Their homes and places of worship were absolutely free from every kind of decoration. Thus, through a whole century we could pass without any advancement along the line of art. Indeed, the only semblance to adornment was to be found in the basket work painted by the aborigines. In the next century the same condition continued to exist, although, indeed, marked by the birth of Benjamin West. Those of them who were familiar with the biography of early American painters had but to recall that amusing incident of West appearing before the fathers of the Church to answer