

publications, and the Board have thought it necessary to expend in new Books as large a sum as could be spared for that purpose ; at an expense of £124 5s. 5d , a selection of 252 volumes has been imported from Britain, and 79 volumes have been purchased in New-York, Montreal and this city. If acquisitions of books as valuable as those of the past year, be made by the Association every future year of its existence, and the connection with the Quebec Library be, as is much to be desired, rendered permanent, the collection of books available to the members, will doubtless become one of the best Libraries in this Province. The Directors respectfully recommend this subject to the careful consideration of their successors in office.

The Reading Room has, during the past year, proved very attractive ; during that period 17 British, 4 French, 4 American, and 17 Provincial newspapers ; and 9 British, 3 French, 4 American, and 1 Canadian Magazines, have been taken. The Board have recently ordered the discontinuance of a few of the most expensive foreign publications, and have substituted for daily, two of the tri-weekly London newspapers, thereby effecting a considerable saving, without, it is to be hoped, decreasing the attractions of the Room. Although the expenses of this department have necessarily been heavy, the Directors feeling that it is by many of the members considered the most important part of the Institution, have not hesitated to devote a large part of the funds of the Association to its support, and they would strongly urge their successors to spare no exertion, necessary to preserve for it the reputation which it has obtained.

One of the principal motives for the establishing of the Association, was to procure Lectures on Literary and Scientific Subjects, and being desirous of exciting in the community a general interest in the new Institution, the Board have devoted much attention to this point, feeling assured that their exertions, if successful, would tend very materially to benefit the Association. The insufficiency of the Rooms obtained for a few of the first Lectures caused some inconvenience to the very