

members and first Vice-President. By the unanimous vote of the Society, a resolution passed at a general meeting held on the 23rd of April, acknowledging his services, was engrossed and transmitted to him.

The Committee have also to regret the departure of Joseph White, Esq., late President of the Society, and for years one of its most benevolent and indefatigable members, whose failing health necessitated his return to England.

Death has removed from the Society's list the following members: Henry Goodwin, Esq., who was for many years Secretary of the Charitable Committee, an active and zealous member, and one whose sympathies were at all times enlisted in the cause of his indigent fellow-countrymen. William B. Vallean, Esq., and Noah Freer, Esq., both life members since 1845, the latter one of the original members, and for the last few years a resident of Montreal. Also, Mr. Edward Bartlett, late of Her Majesty's Customs, an ordinary member.

The thanks of the Society are due and are hereby tendered to J. E. Deschamps, Esq., Agent of the Richelieu Company, and to the Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Company here, for forwarding at half fares many distressed Englishmen.

Before concluding the report, the Committee beg to record the great advantages derived by the Society from the existing charitable institutions, the Finlay Asylum and the Ladies' Protestant Home, by which the Society is enabled to afford temporary shelter to many waiting an opportunity to return to their native country, and in some cases being the means of preventing the Society from being imposed upon by worthless applicants.

The whole respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW G. MOUNTAIN,

President.

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