

**The Membership.**

During the year there has been but a slight increase in the membership of the Institute; but in anticipation of the probable increase of population, consequent upon the establishment of the Local Government in Toronto, and by devoting more earnest attention to this important department, it is believed that a much larger increase may be secured during the ensuing year.

The number of members at the date of last Report was .....	643
Subscribers .....	239
Honorary Members.....	18
Life Members .....	78
<b>Making a total of .....</b>	<b>978</b>
From which deduct—by deaths, removals and withdrawals.....	334
<b>Leaving .....</b>	<b>644</b>
New Members and Subscribers admitted during the year .....	374
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1018</b>
<b>Classified thus—</b>	
Life Members .....	76
Honorary Members.....	17
Members .....	622
Subscribers .....	303
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1018</b>

**The Finances.**

The Treasurer's statement, as audited, and published in detail in Appendix B, shows total receipts for the year \$7,478 31; expenditure \$7,251 87; balance in hand \$226 44.

**The Library and Reading Room.**

Your Directors, through the active supervision of the "Library Committee," have given much attention to the continuous replenishment of the Library and Reading Room during the past year; and although the expenditure for books and periodicals has not amounted to the sum expended during the year ended May, 1866, it has considerably exceeded that of the previous year. The list of papers and magazines regularly supplied to the Reading Room, will be found in appendix C.

The number of books in the Library at the date of the last annual report was .....		6,358
Added during the year by purchase.....		339
Bound up from Reading Room.....		94
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Total .....		7,391
Lost and worn out during the year .....		120
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Now in Library.....		7,271
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	Vols. in Lib.	Issued.
Biography.....	587	871
History .....	657	714
Miscellaneous .....	577	1,012
Novels and Tales.....	2,170	19,001
Periodical Literature ....	1,110	3,331
Poetry and the Drama.....	235	540
Science and Art .....	590	585
Religious Literature .....	163	252
Voyages and Travels .....	503	1,045
Illustrated Works.....	221	
Library of Reference .....	458	
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	7,271	27,351

Your Directors cannot but express their regret that the larger proportion of issues, upwards of two-thirds of the whole, continues to be in the department of "Novels and Tales." Notwithstanding that many of these are works of a standard or instructive character for this class of publications, it yet indicates that sufficient attention is not given to the more practical and useful works contained in the library.

Next to Novels and Tales, and in the following order, the issues were respectively in Periodical Literature, Voyages and Travels, Biography, History, Science and Art, Poetry and the Drama, Religion, and Miscellaneous Works.

Your Directors would earnestly and especially urge the younger members of the Institute, upon whose present conduct in life and course of reading and studies depends so much their future success, to avoid at least the lighter department of fiction, and study such works as shall fit them for the sterner and more practical duties of life.

The issue of a number of copies of the standard Reviews and Magazines, at a charge of two cents per day, each, has been successfully continued during the year. The project which originated with their predecessors, of opening a "Ladies' Reading-Room," has not yet been accomplished, owing to the want of a proper room for the purpose not being at the disposal of your Directors.

**The Evening Classes.**

The importance of this department of the operations of the Institute was so fully dwelt upon in the report of last year, and again in the report presented at the public awarding of Prizes during the past month, that it is scarcely necessary to enter into any lengthened remarks on this occasion. Your Directors cannot, however, refrain from urging upon parents and employers of youth engaged in business, the duty of both morally and practically supporting so efficient and economical a means of instruction as the Institute thus supplies. It is not when boys are attending school, as a general rule, that the importance of sound and useful instruction is impressed upon their minds; and were it otherwise, there are many branches of study necessary for the mechanic and practical man, that the ordinary schools of the country afford no means of becoming acquainted with. The actual requirements of business bring these studies home to the minds of the thoughtful, and the Institute secures competent teachers, and furnishes all the other necessary facilities for the acquirement of such instruction; and blind indeed to their interests must be the youths, and the parents and employers of such, who need instruction and yet fail to avail themselves of it when so liberally offered. Were the leading mechanics and manufacturers to follow the generous example of the Directors of the Northern Railroad, this department of the Institute might constitute it a "People's College"—a pride to our mechanics and an honour to our Metropolitan city.

The total expenditure for payment of Teachers, Prizes, fitting up class rooms, gas and fuel is given as \$585 85; receipts \$536 00; balance deficit \$49-35; a portion of which is said to be fairly chargeable to classes in future years. Other details of these classes were given in the last No. of this Journal.

**Entertainments.**

From various causes, not necessary to be discussed in this report, the profits arising from the several entertainments have been much less than for the previous year. The total receipts from this source of