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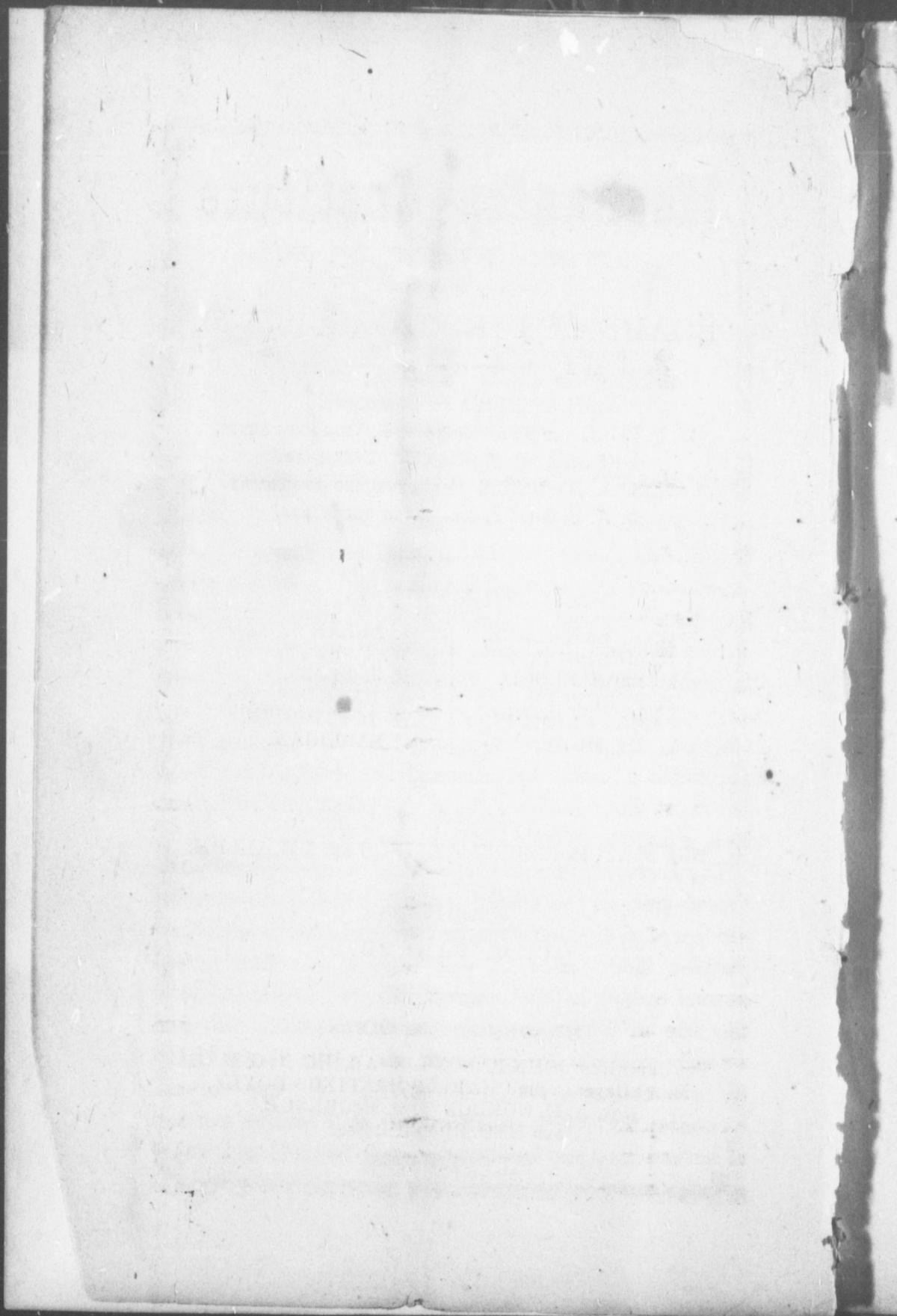
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ANNUAL REPORT.



To the Members of the Saint John Mechanics' Institute :

The President and Directors, in presenting their Annual Report, find pleasure in stating, that notwithstanding the unprecedented pressure of the times during the past year, they have been able to meet their liabilities and somewhat reduce the sum total of indebtedness. Under more favorable circumstances, with the system of economy adopted, they feel satisfied it could have been materially lessened. In order to wipe out the floating debt, they negotiated a further loan of twelve hundred dollars from the Saint John Building Society, making, with a former loan, a liability to that Institution of \$1540.94.

The Lecture Committee, departing from the plan adopted the two previous years, did not deem it advisable to secure the services of *foreign* lecturers, and they feel that the result has justified their action in this respect, considering the general success of the course. The income derived from the sale of tickets amounted to \$1205, while the sum actually paid out to Lecturers, and to the Music Union for one Concert, was only \$570. It has become a question for serious consideration, whether the number of lectures may not be advantageously lessened and other entertainments introduced in lieu thereof.

The following programme for the 38th annual course of lectures was duly carried out.

Nov. 22—Rev. G. M. W. Carey, A. M.—Subject, “Westminster Abbey.”

“ 29—Prof. G. E. Foster, A. B.—“Poetry.”

Dec. 6—Rev. D. MacRae—“The Antiquity of Man.”

“ 13—Rev. G. M. Grant, A. M.—“Nineteenth Century Morality in Pulpit and Press ; in Politics and Trade.”

“ 20—Prof. David Allison, A. M., D. C. L.—“John Stuart Mill.”

Jan. 3—Grand Concert by Music Union.

“ 10—G. R. Parkin, A. M.—“Social Problems in England and Canada.”

“ 17—Prof. H. Y. Hind, A. M.—“A forecast of the future of the Maritime Provinces.”

“ 24—Rev. G. W. Hill, A. M.—“Iona, Staffa and the Vale of Glencoe.”

“ 31—James Hannay Esq.,—“Louisburg.”

Feb. 7—Prof. R. V. Jones, A. M.—“Man’s Outlook from Borderland.”

“ 14—I. Allan Jack, A. B.—“The individual in Canada ; his functions and powers.”

Owing to the pressure of financial difficulties and the determination of your Board of Directors to lessen, as far as possible, the liabilities, they have not been enabled, from the receipts of the Institute, to make any addition to the Library. This is a matter of serious regret, it being unquestionably one of the most important services of the Institution. What has been done in this direction is owing to the generosity of two of our spirited citizens, R. P. Butler and J. S. Bois DeVeber, Esquires. The former of these gentlemen donated the sum of forty dollars, to be expended in the purchase of books. With this sum 27

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volumes of choice and recent productions were placed upon the shelves of the Library. Mr. DeVeber's donation of one hundred dollars was expended in the purchase of 27 monthly magazines, for one year, which are allowed to circulate as other books. At the end of the year they can be bound, and thus made to form a valuable acquisition to the Library. These periodicals, which embrace the leading and most valuable of England and America, are eagerly sought after, and their continuance beyond the year has become almost indispensable. Your Directors trust that similar gifts, on the part of liberal minded citizens, will follow, evidencing a desire on their part to make this Library what a City of the size and pretensions of Saint John demands it should be. The books on charge as per catalogue are 4335. Of this number, only 3168 are placed upon the list as "good;" 519 have been lost: 456 are out of repair; 192 have been issued in past years and not returned by parties, who have been notified to do so. It is to be regretted that those who are charged with these books cannot be brought to consider it a duty either to return them or make good their loss to the Institute.

The Reading Room is regularly supplied with 26 papers from England, the United States and the Dominion of Canada, consisting of weeklies, semi-weeklies, tri-weeklies and dailies; also one Art Journal, five Reviews and four Magazines. During the year several English papers were kindly donated by R. P. Butler, Esq. Notwithstanding the Reading Room is so well supplied with reading matter and is open daily from 2 o'clock, p. m., until half-past nine, but few, comparatively speaking, avail themselves of the advantages it affords. The Curator reports that during the past year the daily average attendance has not exceeded eight persons.

During the Summer the ceiling of the Lecture Hall was colored, the walls were painted and fastening boards added to the seats.

For the want of funds your Directors have been compelled to leave the Museum in the same state in which it has been for several years, as a considerable sum would be required to re-classify and re-arrange, in a proper manner, the articles it contains.

The President and Directors, in concluding their Report, feel it would be useless to make an abstract of the estimated income or expenditure of the next year, those made on former occasions having so often proved incorrect. They would urge upon the incoming Board to abate not one jot or tittle in the efforts which have been made to reduce in every possible way the expenditure, and to exert every means to increase the membership and thereby increase the income as well as the efficiency of an old and popular Institution.

SILAS ALWARD, President.

J. A. S. MOTT, Secretary.

Eligible

Boyd, John
Daniel, Tho
Fleming, W
Gray, Hon.
Humbert, T
Kinsman, F

Armstrong,
Austin, Hen
Allan, J. Ho
Alward, Sila
Armstrong,
Adam, Jame
Appleby, Be
Allwood, Wi
Anderson, Ja
Butler, Rich
Barbour, Wi
Barnes, Jame
Breeze, Will
Bunting, Wi
Bustin, Thor
Berton, Will
Betts, Albert
Brass, Edwar
Blakslee, Ass
Brown, Silas

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Eligible for Office and Entitled to Vote.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Boyd, John
 Daniel, Thomas
 Fleming, William
 Gray, Hon. John H.
 Humbert, Thomas C.
 Kinsman, Frederick

Knowles, Joseph S.
 Lawrence, J. W.
 Merritt, Charles
 Smith, William F.
 Wishart, John
 Woodward, Isaac

Armstrong, John
 Austin, Henry A.
 Allan, J. Howe
 Alward, Silas
 Armstrong, Rev. Geo. M.
 Adam, James
 Appleby, Benjamin
 Allwood, William
 Anderson, James
 Butler, Richard P.
 Barbour, William V. C.
 Barnes, James E.
 Breeze, William
 Bunting, William F.
 Bustin, Thomas
 Berton, William J.
 Betts, Albert
 Brass, Edward J.
 Blakslee, Asaph G.
 Brown, Silas H.

Barnes, Joseph W.
 Butt, W. F.
 Breeze, Dudne
 Bent, Gilbert
 Barbour, Moses C.
 Burbidge, G. W.
 Belyea, R. M.
 Betts, Hiram
 Barbour, George L.
 Barber, James
 Broad, Hewlett
 Brock, Frederick
 Boyd, T. A.
 Bennett, Dr. John
 Bowes, A. G.
 Baskin, William B.
 Blake, George
 Boddie, Henry G.
 Crookshank, Robert W.
 Clinch, Robert T.

Chubb, Geo. James
 Cruikshank, Robert
 Court, William
 Cameron, James R.
 Corbitt, John
 Chisholm, D. P.
 Crawford, William K.
 Causey, William
 Christie, J. J.
 Carlé, T. C.
 Card, Henry
 Cushing, Andre
 Clark, Goodhand
 Devoe, John D.
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 Dole, W. P.
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 Domville, James
 Della Torre, William
 Dunn, James L.
 Donald, J. H.
 Drury, John
 Denham, Thomas D.
 Dunlop, James K.
 Dunn, E. F.
 Demill, A. H.
 DeBury, Robert
 Everett, William E.
 Estey, Fred. A.
 Everett, Charles A.
 Elder, William
 Everett, Edwin J.
 Everett, George F.
 Earle, S. Z., M. D.
 Emery, William
 Evans, Rev. E.
 Estey, T. Win slow

Emerson, Robert B.
 Fairweather, Charles H.
 Fisher, Edwin
 Fisher, George S.
 Flood, Carson
 Fleming, James
 Ferguson, James R.
 Fielders, John
 Figgures, J. F.
 Fleming, Charles
 Fairweather, Edwin
 Fraser, John
 Flaherty, Robert
 Fairweather, James H.
 Gilmour, Andrew
 Gilmour, Thomas
 Godsoe, William C.
 Gerow, Geo. W.
 Gerow, James
 Golding, Robert
 Graham, Mrs. H.
 Godsoe, Amos
 Grant, J. McGregor
 Hutchison, George, jr.
 Hegan, John
 Harris, James
 Hanford, Thomas
 Hunter, Robert
 Hegan, James
 Hay, Albert S.
 Hall, Thomas H.
 Hay, Charles H.
 Hunt, Henry G.
 Hennigar, Thomas C.
 Hanington, Thomas B.
 Hayward, W. H.
 Hunt, Mrs. H. G.
 Hardwick, G. A.
 Hocken, John

Hawes, I.
 Harper, J.
 Howe, Jo
 Harley, J.
 Hatheway
 Hayward,
 Horn, Wi
 Hoyt, Ear
 Inches, Cl
 Jardine, A
 Jordan, Sa
 Jones, Ho
 Jordan, W
 Jordan, F
 Jack, I. A
 Jordan, J
 Jack. Hen
 Kinnear, J
 Kinnear, C
 Kerr, H. I
 King, Hon
 Kain, Fran
 Keltie, Ro
 Kenedy, W
 Longmaid,
 Lawrence,
 Lawton, W
 Logan, Wi
 Lloyd, Joh
 Logan, Jan
 Lindsay, M
 Lockhart,
 Law, Alex
 Lawrence,
 Lovett, A.
 Lockhart, I
 Lynn, Thor
 Likely, Th
 Lordly, A.

Hawes, Israel B.
 Harper, John
 Howe, John
 Harley, John
 Hatheway, Warren F.
 Hayward, Samuel
 Horn, William H.
 Hoyt, Earnest
 Inches, Charles, M. D.
 Jardine, Alexander
 Jordan, Samuel G.
 Jones, Hon. Thomas R.
 Jordan, William W.
 Jordan, Francis
 Jack, I. Allan
 Jordan, John M.
 Jack, Henry
 Kinnear, John H.
 Kinnear, Charles F.
 Kerr, H. L.
 King, Hon. Geo. E.
 Kain, Francis
 Keltie, Robert
 Kenedy, William
 Longmaid, Richard M.
 Lawrence, George H.
 Lawton, W. G.
 Logan, William
 Lloyd, John F.
 Logan, James
 Lindsay, Matthew
 Lockhart, Alexander
 Law, Alexander
 Lawrence, B. R.
 Lovett, A. W.
 Lockhart, Edward E.
 Lynn, Thomas H.
 Likely, Thomas
 Lordly, A. J.

Lewis, William
 Lee, William
 Magee, John
 Merritt, E. Miles
 Murdoch, Gilbert
 Merritt, T. Gray
 Murray, Christopher
 Mahoney, James
 Milligan, James
 Marvin, W. S.
 Moore, W. A.
 Matthews, S. F.
 Moore, Robert
 Miller, Alexander
 Moore, Edward R.
 Murdoch, John
 Milligan, Robert
 Morrissey, Mrs.
 Matthew, George F.
 Moulson, James
 May, James S.
 Murdoch, William, jr.
 Mott, James A. S.
 Morrison, William S.
 Moran, James H.
 Mahoney, Edward J.
 Morrison, John M. B.
 Mersereaux, A. J.
 MacRae, Rev. Mr.
 McDonald, Mrs. C. C.
 McMillan, John
 McGivern, Richard P.
 McKenzie, W. R.
 McLeod, Ezekiel
 McAvity, Thomas, jr.
 McClelland, Thomas
 McGregor, Charles
 McMillan, Hon. John
 McDonald, Mont,

McNaughton, Robert
 McLellan, Thomas
 McAlister, John
 McIntyre, Daniel
 Nixon, George
 Nase, Philip
 Olive, William H., jr.
 Olive, C. F.
 Powers, Mark N.
 Purdy, Mrs. John D.
 Peters, B. Lester
 Patton, Thomas
 Peters, William
 Potts, Joseph W.
 Palmer, A. L.
 Purchase, William R.
 Pugsley, G. R.
 Price, Benj. P.
 Price, James A.
 Peacock, George B.
 Parks, William J.
 Powers, G. F.
 Reed, Thomas M.
 Rankine, Thomas A.
 Rankine, Alexander
 Ring, Zebedee
 Reed, James
 Robertson, William A.
 Robertson, Norman
 Rankine, John
 Robinson, T. M.
 Richardson, I. T., jr.
 Reed, Thomas
 Robertson, Andrew D.
 Robinson, James, jr.
 Roberts, Henry W.
 Roue, James
 Rannie, William
 Robinson, Thomas

Robertson, George
 Robinson, T. W.
 Rutherford, Samuel
 Ritchie, James
 Schurman, David J.
 Seeds, Mrs. Samuel
 Scovil, Rev. William
 Seely, Richard
 Stewart, Luke
 Sulis, John W.
 Smith, Robert T.
 Stewart, George
 Sayer, John E.
 Steen, Alexander
 Sinnott, W. H.
 Smith, James
 Stephens, F. T.
 Stockton, A. A.
 Suffern, George
 Stevens, S. E.
 Stockton, C. A.
 Seely, D. J.
 Sharp, John
 Stewart, John
 Sharp, R. G.
 Sturdee, H. L.
 Stavely, Rev. A. McL.
 Smith, R. Barry
 Stodhart, Thomas
 Starr, R. P.
 Shaw, A. N.
 Smith, John
 Sherrard, John L. C.
 Stevens, R. L.
 Scovil, W. H.
 Sparrow, Cornelius
 Shereton, Robert
 Sullivan, Dennis
 Schofield, Samuel

Stead, M.
 Smith, M.
 Thomson,
 Thurgar,
 Thomas, C.
 Thomas, C.
 Trueman,
 Thomas, J.
 Troop, O.
 Turnbull,
 Turner, R.
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 Vassie, Jo
 Vaughan,
 Vaughan,
 Woodwort
 Whitney,
 White, Jan
 Willis, Ed

Stead, Matthew
 Smith, Mrs. H. B.
 Thomson, William
 Thurgar, John V.
 Thomas, Capt. Henry
 Thomas, George
 Trueman, Charles D.
 Thomas, James U.
 Troop, O. V.
 Turnbull, Charles G.
 Turner, Robert
 Titus, Fred. R.
 Venning, John A.
 Vassie, John
 Vaughan, Henry
 Vaughan, L. H.
 Woodworth, J. L.
 Whitney, George W.
 White, James E.
 Willis, Edward

Wedderburn, William
 Whiting, William I.
 Wilson, John
 Willett, David
 Warwick, O. H.
 Willis, S. K.
 Williams, John
 Williams, F. S.
 Wortman, W. F.
 Wetmore, N.
 Whittaker, Wm. C.
 Welsh, William
 Wright John
 Woodrow, James
 Wetmore, F. C.
 Willett, John
 White, Samuel
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Abstract of Receipts and Expenditures.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING, APRIL 6TH, 1876.

Light and Fuel,.....	\$ 400 71
Salaries,.....	400 00
Funded Debt,.....	230 16
Interest on Bonds,.....	74 45
Lectures,.....	1,177 81
Reading Room,.....	216 17
Building and Ground Rent,.....	534 24
Insurance,.....	280 00
Library,.....	4 50
Hall and Organ,.....	219 98
Miscellaneous,.....	426 35
Cash on hand April 6th, 1876,.....	31 73
	<u>\$3,996 10</u>

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING, 6TH APRIL, 1876.

Rent—Hall, &c.,.....	\$ 535 00
“ Schools,.....	570 00
Certificates of Membership,.....	22 00
Members' Tickets,.....	1,215 00
Miscellaneous,.....	453 70
Building Society,.....	1,200 00
Cash on hand April 6th, 1875,.....	40
	<u>\$3,996 10</u>

Abstract of Liabilities and Assets of the Mechanics' Institute, 31st March, 1876.

Building and Furniture,.....	\$20,420 00
Museum,.....	3,650 00
Apparatus and Diagrams,.....	800 00
Library,.....	3,000 00
Organ,.....	2,000 00
	<u>\$29,870 00</u>
Building Debentures,.....	\$ 822 00
Building Society,.....	1,540 94
Sundry Liabilities,.....	404 44
Balance in favor of the Institute,.....	27,102 62
	<u>\$29,870 00</u>