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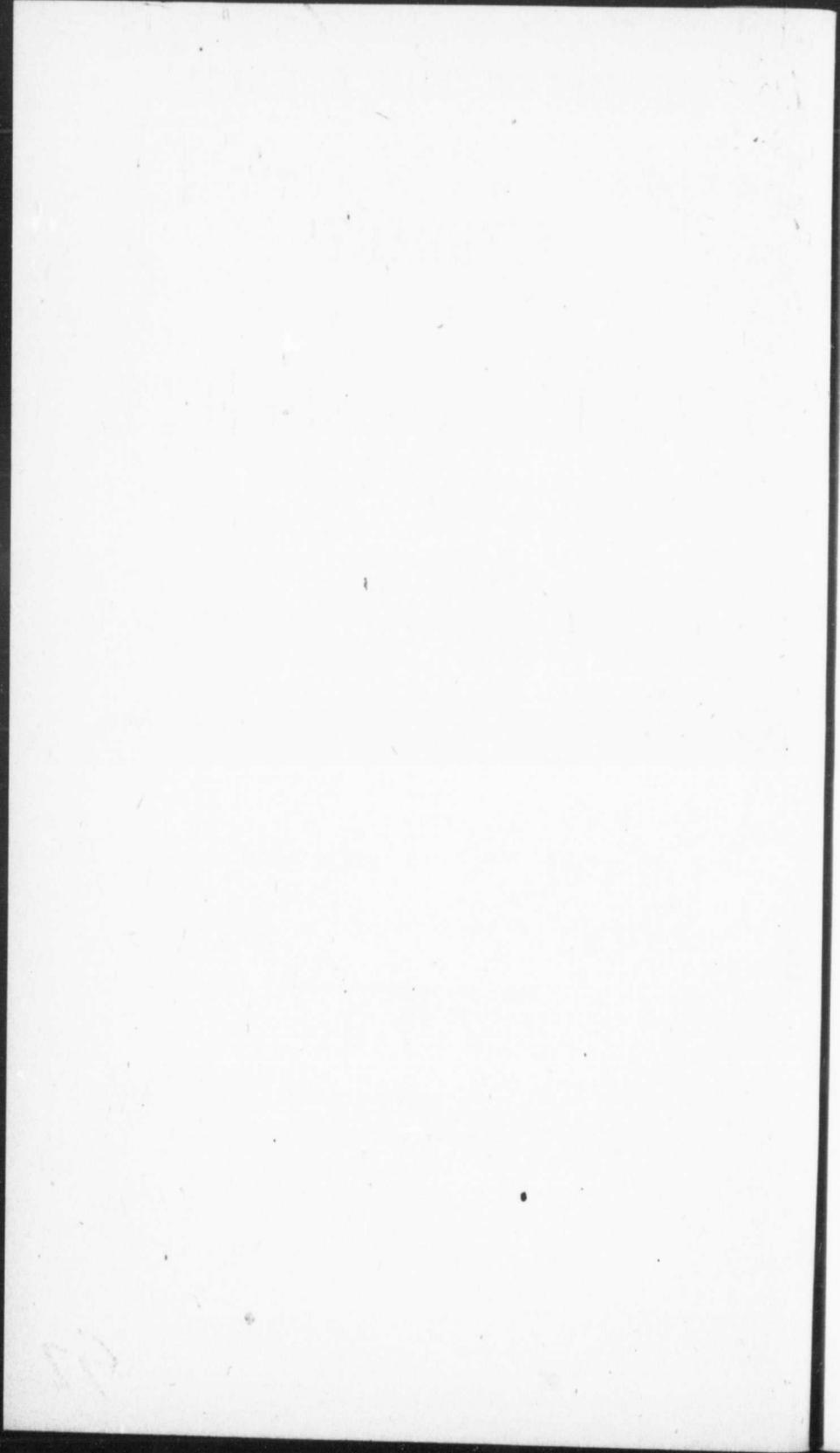
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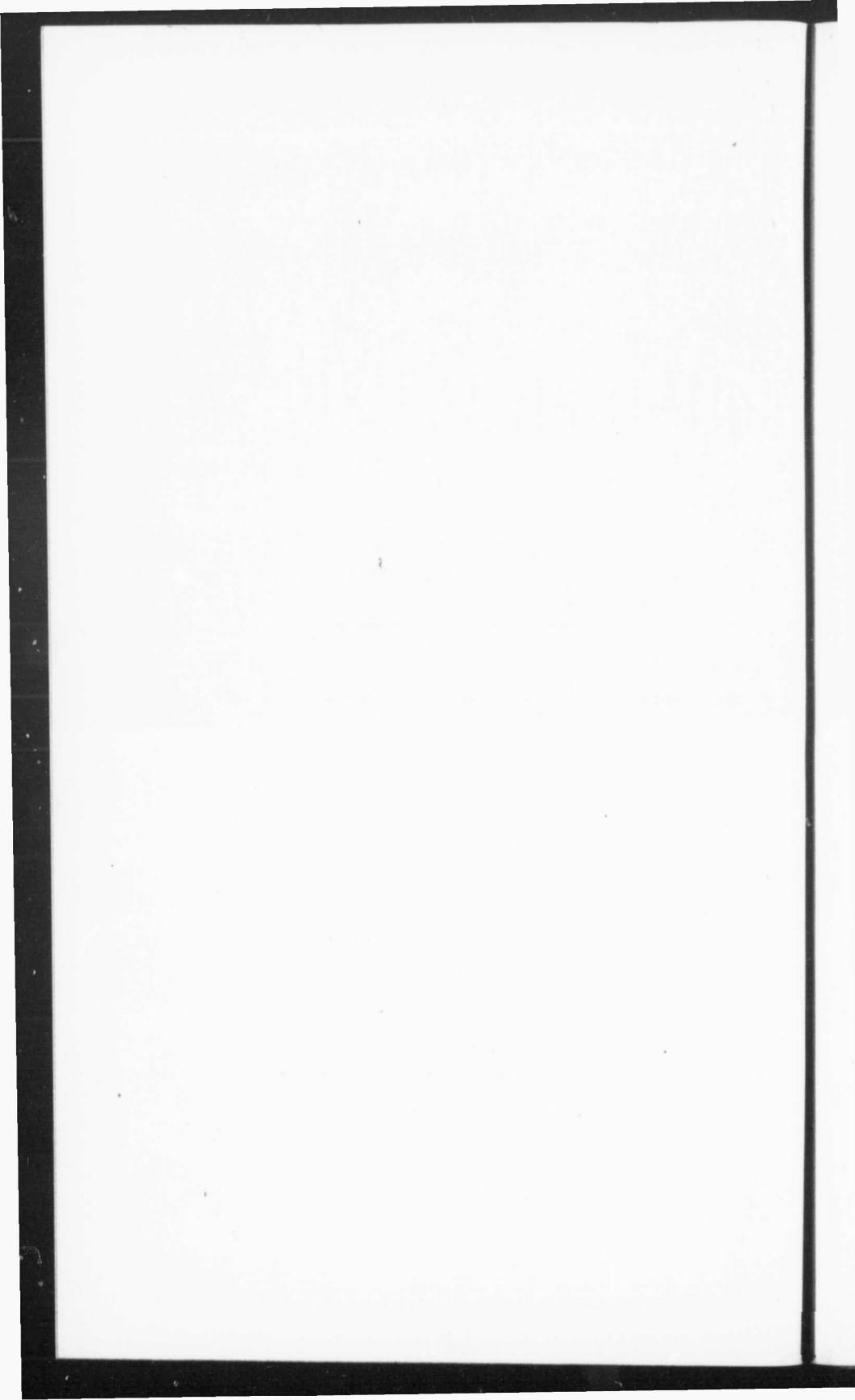
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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1863.



The Council of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, have the honor to submit the reports of the several Officers of the society upon the Finances, the Library and the Museum ; which so fully explain our present position that it is unnecessary to do more than to congratulate you upon the increasing prosperity of the Society.

Since the date of the last report fifty-three members have been added to our numbers, which is an increase of more than fifty per cent during the year, and the attendance at the stated meetings has increased in a still greater proportion. So large indeed have been the numbers present upon some evenings that our limited space has been found insufficient to accomodate them all ; and although we have viewed with satisfaction this increasing interest in our proceedings, we have been obliged to adopt a new regulation to prevent the overcrowding of our rooms. We have not thought it advisable to curtail the privileges of members in introducing friends who may accompany them, but if they are not present themselves yet still wish to procure admission for their friends, they will each be supplied with two stranger's tickets, which will be taken at the door, and which they can procure again from the Assistant Secretary before the following meeting.

The Library, we are happy to state continues to be largely resorted to by our members, and a comparison in this respect with what was the case in former years gives a very good test of the usefulness of the Society.

During the  $8\frac{1}{2}$  years preceding the fire the average

number of volumes taken out annually was only 65, and that even this small number had been reached was merely due to the year immediately preceding that calamity. Since we have been in our present apartments, upwards of 900 volumes have been taken out, and 84 of our members appear to be habitually making use of the Library in this way, besides many who resort to it to read.

The importance of forming a respectable collection of books at once, has caused the Council during this the first year of our renewed existence to devote almost all our expenditure to that purpose, and we have indeed drawn upon our funds to the extremest verge which prudence would sanction. We have however also made some commencement with a Museum, and during the ensuing year it may probably be advisable to pay more attention to that department and also to recommence the publication of historical documents.

Both in the Library and Museum we have been largely aided by the donations of individuals, and of public institutions, lists of which are appended to the Report of the Librarian and Curators.

The following is a list of the Papers read during the past year:—

1. A few thoughts on the Botanical Geography of Canada. By S. Sturton, Esq.
2. Extract from a paper on "the Graphical Delineation of Statistical Facts." The Grain Trade. (with a map). By Arthur Harvey, Esq., F. S. S.
3. Life and Health. By Dr. Selly.
4. The Marine Engine with recent improvements. By Lieut. Ashe. R. N.
5. Three weeks in the United States. By Rev. J. Douglas.

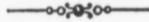
6. Weights and Measures, by R. S. M. Bouchette, Esq.
7. Up the River Moisie. By Edward Cayley, Esq. B. A.
8. Notes on some emendations (not hitherto suggested) in the text of Shakespear, with a new Explanation of an old passage. By E. A. Meredith, LL. D.
9. The Capabilities of the Harbour of Quebec. By Chas. M. Tate, Esq.
10. The Lost Island of Atlantis. By E. T. Fletcher, Esq.
11. Danger arising from the substitution of Benzole for Turpentine. By S. Sturton, Esq.
12. On Cranial Distortion. By Dr. Wilson, of Toronto.
13. On the processes of Photography. By Revd. Mr. Douglas.
- THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. By J. Langton, M. A.
14. The English as a Musical Nation. By Henry Carter, Esq.
15. The Gold Regions of Nova-Scotia. By Dr. Anderson,
16. The Gold Fields of Canada. By the Rev. J. Douglas,
17. On the use of Words to convey ideas. By C. M. Tate, Esq.
18. The Effect of the Cold of space in limiting the atmosphere. By S. Sturton, Esq.
19. The reason why a Boy's Top goes to sleep,—illustrated by experiment with the gyroscope. By Lieut. Ashe, R. N.
20. List of Canadian Coleoptera and Diptera. By William Couper, Esq.
21. A new Theory of Specific and Latent Heat. By S. Sturton, Esq.

The whole respectfully submitted,

JOHN LANGTON.

President.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.



At the commencement of the past year there were in the Library only some of the books saved from the fire of November 1862. Since then, and even up to the present time books are being returned, which had either been taken out of the Library previously or were rescued from the fire. Many volumes—and some of special value, such as the 1st. and 2nd vol. of the "*Liber Veritatis*"—are known to be in the City. Those therefore in whose possession they are, would oblige by sending them back without delay.

Eleven hundred and fifteen (1115) volumes of the old Library have been recovered ; many were in so damaged a condition as to necessitate rebinding.

The result of the President's mission to the States, immediately after the fire, was the donation by the United States Government of ninety one volumes of historical and other documents, and over one hundred volumes of duplicates most of which have been presented by the Society to the "Toronto University" and the Natural History Society of Montreal:— A similar donation by the Regents of the University of New York, of twenty-nine volumes ;—the reopening of intercourse with a number of sister societies in the Northern and Eastern States; and the purchase of six hundred and twenty one volumes of English, American and Foreign books at prices considerably lower than they could have been purchased by order.

Since then orders have been executed by Mr. Edward Allen, our agent in London, for eleven hundred and

eighty-seven volumes for the Society, and 130 for Morrin College.

The Society has to thank members and others for many donations of books and pamphlets ; some of which were acknowledged in the appendix to the last number of the Transactions, the remainder are gratefully acknowledged here.

A Classifical Catalogue of the contents of the Library has been prepared and is now in the hands of the Printer.

J. DOUGLAS,  
Librarian.

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LIST OF DONATIONS TO LIBRARY,

AND EXCHANGES RECEIVED SINCE JULY.

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- From J. M. Rose, Esq., Saul. A Drama.  
Thompson's Mirror of Parliament,
- From R. S. M. Bouchette Esq., Bouchette's Topographical Dictionary of Canada.  
Bouchette's British Dominions in North America.  
2 vols.
- From H. Morgan. Biographies of Celebrated Canadians.
- From Rev. Jean Langevin, Ptre. Notes sur les Archives de Beauport—Second Part—
- From E. A. Meredith, Esq., LL.D. Studies in Physiology and Medicine, Dr. Graves. 1 vol. 8vo.
- From the Bureau of Agriculture and Statistics. Patents of Canada from 1824 to 1849.
- From the University of Toronto. Magnetical Abstracts, Toronto, 1862.

- From the Royal Dublin Society. Journal of the Society,  
for 1863.
- From the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Proceedings of  
the Society for 1861-62 & '63.
- From the McGill University. Calendar 1862-3.
- From the Royal Academy of Sciences of Lisbon.
- Portugaliæ Monumenta Historica Leges. Fasciculus  
III. Lendas da India. Vol. 3 Part 1 & 2.
- Memorias da Academia. 1st Series Vol. 1-12.
- 2nd Series vol. 1. part 2. Vol. 2 part 1.  
Vol. 3. Parts 1 & 2.
- Nouve. Serie 1 Classe Vol. 1. Part 1.
- do. do. 2. do. Vol. 1. Part 1.
- Annaes das Sci. et Lit. 1. Classe,  
Marco a Setembro 1857.  
2nd. Classe Marco a Agosto ” ”
- From the l'Université-Laval. Annuaire pour l'année  
académique for 1863-4.
- From the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane. Reports  
of the Board of Visitors, Trustees &c., for 1863.
- From Arthur Dansereau. Annales historique du College  
de L'Assomption depuis sa fondation.
- From the Author, S. C. Bagg, Esq., Montreal. Coins and  
Medals as aids to the study of Holy Writ.
- From the Author, Geo. D. Gibb, M. D., M. A., F. G. S.,  
A paper on Canadian Caverns, London, 1861.
- From the Commissioner of Patents, Washington. Report  
on Agriculture, for 1861.
- From the Nova Scotian Institute, Halifax. Transactions  
of the Nova Scotian Institute of Natural Science ;  
1st vol. 1st. part.

From the University. Constitutions et Réglemens de  
l'Université Laval.

Catalogue des specimens d'Histoire Naturelle de l'Ecole  
Normal Laval. Zoologie: 1863.

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### REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF MUSEUM.

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Your Curator in accordance with the report of last year  
"that a liberal sum should be devoted to furnish the  
Museum with glass cases," has had the Museum well and  
comfortably fitted up at a cost of \$178.80; a stove with  
pipes, &c., at a cost of \$8.15.

There have been added to the Museum 14 mammals,  
82 birds, 20 fishes, minerals, &c., and the commencement  
of a Canadian herbarium.

The cost of the specimens, stuffing, stands, &c., has been  
\$186.95, so that the total cost of the Museum has been  
\$377.64½

This next year will require no further expenditure for  
cases or fitting, but your Curator respectfully recommends  
that a liberal sum be devoted for procuring and preparing  
specimens to illustrate the Natural History of Canada, in  
all its branches.

Your Curator begs also to express his thanks to Mr.  
Couper, for the admirable manner in which the specimens  
have been prepared.

A list of Donations is subjoined, for which thanks have  
been rendered. And the members and public in general  
are requested to afford as much assistance in this manner  
as they possibly can.

S. STURTON,  
Curator of Museum.

## DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

From the REV. JAMES DOUGLAS.

Specimens of Fossil Woods from Egypt,

“ “ Canadian minerals.

“ “ Minerals from Vesuvius.

From T. D. HARRINGTON, Esq. :

Amethysts from Lake Superior.

From S. STURTON, Esq. :

Commencement of a Canadian Herbarium.

From MASTER PEVERLEY :

Nest of Red-breasted thrush, containing 3 Eggs.

2 Eggs of Common Crow.

“ “ Spotted Sandpiper.

From DR. RACEY :

A flesh specimen of Red-shouldered Hawk.

“ “ “ Red-tailed Hawk.

From ARTHUR HARVEY, Esq. :

A flesh specimen of Belted Kingfisher.

“ “ “ Short-eared Owl.

From MASTER POWELL :

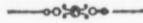
A flesh specimen of Sharp-shinned Hawk.

From REV. G. V. HOUSEMAN :

A pair of English Grouse.

“ Partridge.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1863.



The Treasurer begs to report as follows :—

The number of members at the commencement of 1863 was :

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Honorary.....       | 11.  |
| Life.....           | 1.   |
| Corresponding ..... | 25.  |
| Associate.....      | 106. |

The number of members elected during 1863, was 53.

The number of members withdrawn do. 6.

Your Treasurer appends the usual abstract of receipts and disbursements during 1863.

The former, consisting of Subscriptions received, interest on deposits, and Parliamentary Grant, amount to \$4066.28.

The latter, composed principally of purchases for the Library, Specimens for Museum, printing, fittings of rooms, and Secretary's expenses, amount to \$3551.66.

The available funds at this date are :

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|------------------------------|----------|
| General Fund.....            | \$280.80 |
| Historical Document Fund.... | 209.17   |
| Life Members' Fund.....      | 54.65    |

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\$544.62

to which may be added the nominal balance of subscriptions due amounting to \$110, and your Treasurer does not know of any outstanding claims against the Society of any consequence, (say \$60.)

Your Treasurer in conclusion would beg to remark that it is necessary to be careful in ordering future disbursements inasmuch as although by the constitution the subscriptions are really due at the beginning of each consecu-

tive year, it is found to be difficult to persuade members to pay until a great part of the current year has expired and a Parliamentary grant for 1864 is not likely to be realized for some time.

Respectfully submitted.

T. D. HARINGTON.

Treasurer.

Quebec, 1st. January 1864.



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## Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements, during 1863.

|                                                  |                           |         |                                                                                  |          |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| To balance from 1862. {                          | General Fund....\$2628.57 |         | By Insurance.....                                                                | \$ 18 17 |
|                                                  | Historical Fund...209.17  |         | By Books, Maps, Binding &c.....                                                  | 2383 52  |
|                                                  | Life Member's do.. 54.65  | 2892 39 | By Printing, Stationary and Advertising.....                                     | 266 57   |
| To Interest.....                                 |                           | 33 97   | By Naturalist, and Secretary's Expenses Salary &c.....                           | 263 02   |
| To Parliamentary Grant.....                      |                           | 750     | By Furniture Fittings &c.....                                                    | 398 70   |
| To Subscriptions, &c.....                        |                           | 372     | By Miscellaneous Expenditures, Express Freight Groceries, and petty charges..... | 203 32   |
| To refund for books, by the Rev. J. Douglas..... |                           | 47 92   | By seal and die.....                                                             | 8 25     |
|                                                  |                           |         | By chess board, &c.....                                                          | 9 35     |
|                                                  |                           |         | By balance } General Fund....280 80                                              |          |
|                                                  |                           |         | carried to } Historical Do.....209 17                                            |          |
|                                                  |                           |         | 1864. } Life M. Do.....54 65                                                     |          |
|                                                  |                           |         |                                                                                  | 544 62   |
| _____Total.....\$                                |                           | 4096 28 | _____Total.....\$                                                                | 4096 28  |
| To balance brought forward. {                    | General Fund....280.80    |         |                                                                                  |          |
|                                                  | Historical Fund...209.17  |         |                                                                                  |          |
|                                                  | Life Members Do...54.65   |         |                                                                                  |          |
| _____Total.....\$                                |                           | 544 62  |                                                                                  |          |

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