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NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

January 10th, 1899 ; the President, Mr. Arthur Harvey, occupied the chair.

The business of the election of officers was at once proceeded with.

Mr. Geo. E. Lumsden addressed the meeting on the subject of his nomination for the office of President, and desired that his name be withdrawn.

Several members recalled the services rendered to the Society by Mr. Lumsden, and supported him as one eminently qualified for the office of President. Mr. Harvey stated that he would be glad to retire in favour of Mr. Lumsden, and give him an enthusiastic support if he were willing to accept the office.

Mr. Lumsden thanked the members for their good opinion of himself, but again declined the nomination. Mr. Harvey was thereupon declared elected President for the ensuing year.

Mr. John A. Paterson, M.A., desired his name withdrawn as a nominee for the office of Vice-President. Thereupon Dr. E. A. Meredith and Mr. R. F. Stupart were declared elected.

Mr. J. R. Collins wished to resign the office of Corresponding Secretary to which he had been appointed. Mr. Geo. E. Lumsden was then nominated for the office. At this point Mr. Lumsden rose to say that he wished to be relieved of the office of Corresponding Secretary, and that there was no one who could better fill that position than Mr. Collins. On being specially requested to continue in the office which he had made all his own since the incorporation of the Society, Mr. Lumsden finally consented to the nomination, and was declared unanimously elected.

Mr. G. G. Pursey, who had been elected as member of the Council, desired to withdraw. Mr. J. R. Collins was then unanimously elected to a seat in Council.

Mr. W. B. Musson, who had been unanimously elected to the office of Librarian, had not wished to continue in office for reasons which he had on a former occasion explained. It was moved by Mr. John A. Paterson that Mr. Z. M. Collins be appointed to assist Mr. Musson. This was carried, Mr. Musson consenting under these conditions to continue in office.

The Treasurer then presented his report, as follows :

Receipts :

Balance on hand, January 1, 1898	\$321 34
Received for Fees	113 00
“ “ Interest	5 95
The Chas. Clarke Donation	5 00
Municipal Grant	100 00
Provincial “	200 00
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Total	\$745 29

Disbursements :

Publication Account	\$211 30
Expenses	237 15
Balance on hand	396 84
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Total	\$745 29

On motion the report was adopted.

Mr. Lindsay presented a brief report of the work done during the year, the meetings held, and members elected. A satisfactory increase was shown in the membership.

Mr. Musson regretted that he was not yet in a position to make a report on the Library.

This concluded the business of the Annual Meeting ; the remainder of the evening was spent in a general discussion on the best means of still furthering the interests of the Society, and in making popular those branches of science with which it was always specially concerned.

