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Report of the Secretary and Treasurer.

FOR THE YEAR 1890.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Institute:

In this my first annual report as your Secretary and Treasurer I am glad to be able to state the Institute is in a most flourishing condition both financially and in point of members, as well as interest taken in the proceedings by the members. On my election one year ago our roll showed a membership of seventy-nine; during the year, 19 new members have been received and the applications of eight more await your official action.

During the year notice of withdrawal has been received from three gentlemen, leaving the membership at the present time 103.

I found a balance on hand of \$82.46, with an indebtedness for printing the MINING JOURNAL and programs of \$118.36; there was due the Secretary for salary for the year, \$20.00; for stenographer, \$5.00; making a total of \$143.36. There has been \$111.00 received for dues. \$51.00 was received for initiation fees. From the sale of MINING JOURNALS, \$148.50 was realized; \$60.00 has been received for cards in the JOURNAL, and the unexpended balance collected for the Massillon meeting amounting to \$35.00 was turned into our treasury, making the total receipts of the year \$405.50. There is still due the Institute for advertising in the JOURNAL \$70.00. There is still due the Institute for dues during the year \$48.00, and two initiation fees are still unpaid, making the total amount due the Institute, \$124.00.

The total amount received during the year including the balance turned over by my predecessor was \$487.96. Of this, \$143.36 was paid to liquidate the indebtedness of the Institute at the close of last year, \$227.80 was paid for printing and \$20.00 for salary of the Secretary, \$2.60 for incidentals making a total of \$393.76 that has been paid out, leaving a balance in the hands of your Treasurer of \$94.20, with no indebtedness on our hands and the increase in our membership with a corresponding interest of the members to prepare papers for the

meeting. The close of another year will find our Institute the rival of any in the Nation. Hoping that my report will meet with your approval, I am very truly yours,

R. M. HASELTINE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

[The meeting applauded on the conclusion of the reading of the Secretary's report.]

THE CHAIR: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the secretary. Have you any remarks to offer?

PROF. LORD: Mr. Chairman, I have listened to the report and have been greatly interested and much gratified. I think we owe a great deal to Mr. Haseltine for the successful management of the affairs of the institute which has brought about so favorable a showing. There were one or two things said by the President in his address and referred to by the Secretary in his report, which it struck me was of great interest to us, and which ought to be encouraged, and I feel like saying that over again, as it were, for the sake of the members. I am glad to see that we have been spending so much money for journals. Our institute, as has been said two years ago, was given up as dead by some of the members.

SECRETARY HASELTINE: One year ago.

PROF. LORD: One year ago. It seemed it was longer ago than that, from the showing to-night. We have since then recovered very largely our vitality I think, and what has done it? Has it been anything else than the Journals we published? It strikes me that in the results of this year's work we have the key note of what must be our future policy. We must publish, publish right along, publish the Journal every year and get the papers for publication. It strikes me the society can do that, and that we can continue to do it. And, I think, it makes very little difference whether at our winter meeting or summer meeting we have a very large attendance or not. If we have enough to get together, organize and elect our officers and give us an efficient board to publish the Journal every

year, and get into that Journal a number of papers, such as the last Journal contained, papers contributed by gentlemen having experience every day in the mines and works of the state, we will make the society a means of stimulating observation, stimulating expression, and stimulating enthusiasm in the great mass of the men who are working in the mines, and bring them into contact and arouse in them an interest in their work. I think that will be one of the great works that the society will accomplish, and I think that the report of the secretary has shown us the advantage of keeping on publishing Journals every year and making them as big and as good as we possibly can. (Applause.)

The CHAIR: Are there any further remarks, gentlemen? If there are not, the next thing on the programme is a paper on "Municipal Corporations and Natural Gas Supplies" by Prof. Edward Orton, of Columbus.