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REV. W. ORMISTON, D.D. First President, 1857-59-61

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Hamilton Scientific Association

HELD AT THE

HAMILTON CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC November 8th, 1907



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PREFATORY

The Hamilton Association for the promotion of Science, in 1907 had been established just fifty years, being, in point of age, of equal rank with almost any of its kindred societies founded in Canada. At the instance of friends, the Society's Council suggested that the first meeting for the season of 1907-8 should be made the occasion of some befitting commemoration of the Association's fiftieth anniversary.

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That proposal received general sanction, and was carried into effect at the meeting, held on November the 8th, 1907. That was a pleasant reunion of old associates; and from distant members interesting communications were received. Extracts from the minutes of the first meeting, held half a century before, were read; and short addresses by the president, and by other members, furnished piquant reminiscences as to the personnel of the founders of the Society, and of the work they set themselves to accomplish.

A full report of that meeting will be found in the following pages. Many subjects of local interest are referred to. And apart from local questions, some may find it interesting to trace the story how a handful of busy men, favored by little factitious aid, diffidently, though persistently, strove to attain and diffuse some measure of scientific knowledge, and how they explored some secrets of the Natural History and Antiquities of the comparatively small area of this part of the lower lake district of Canada.

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