

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
LITERARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF QUEBEC,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 12TH JANUARY,

1842.

AT the season appointed for the Council to retire from office, it is a duty, according to one of the Society's Bye-Laws, to lay before you a succinct account of its proceedings for the year at this time ending; to give a statement of the Society's income and expenditure for the same period of time: and to represent its present condition generally.

Among the losses of members by death which have occurred during the last twelve months, the Council has first to mention that of the Society's late noble Patron, the Lord Sydenham, Governor General of these Provinces; a Nobleman gifted with talents of no common kind, with habits of business acquired in early life and afterwards in the active duties of a Legislator, particularly fitting him for the administration of extensive public affairs. To all of our Patrons, the Society is indebted for many acts of munificence, tending in a greater or less degree towards its prosperity, and the consequent advancement of its objects. To His late Excellency we are indebted for the use of the spacious and convenient apartments which we now occupy, and it is hoped, we may long continue to enjoy.