

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF
The Literary and Historical Society
OF QUEBEC,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 9,
1839.

IN presenting to the Society a general view of its proceedings during the year that is about to close, the reason of the thing and established usage direct the Council to begin by paying the tribute of its respectful notice to the memory of your deceased members. Of these, the number is not so great as last year ; but one of them, the Founder and first Patron of this Society, occupies so prominent a place in the history of its rise and advancement, as to demand a more than ordinary share of the attention that we are accustomed to devote to this part of the report. With so wide a field before it as the eventful life of this distinguished Nobleman, the Council will confine its observations, on the present occasion, to his character—first, as a patron of learning and education, and, secondly, as the greatest benefactor of this Society.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE GEORGE EARL OF DALHOUSIE was born in Scotland in 1770, and was the ninth who bore that title, created in 1633. He was educated at the High School of Edinburgh, and for a considerable portion of the time of his attendance, occupied the same form with the afterwards illustrious Sir Walter Scott.

It does not fall within the plan here adopted, to pursue the successive steps of His Lordship's advancement in the army, which