

Thirty-six new members have been enrolled on the ordinary members' list, three have been transferred to the list of corresponding members, five names have been withdrawn through removal from the city, and we have had to mourn the loss of one by death.

Your Society has also lost one of its most valued honorary members in Mrs. C. P. Traill, who died at Westove, Lakefield, Ont., at the advanced age of ninety-seven years and seven months, on August 29th. The aged authoress retained her faculties unimpaired to the last. Her literary life is a unique record, in that it represented a literary activity of seventy-eight years, her first book being published in 1818, her last in 1896.

Before closing my report, it would be well perhaps to state briefly, for the information of those who have become members within the past two years, something of the intended aims and scope of the Society. The Women's Canadian Historical Society was formed\* for the distinct purpose of encouraging a patriotic interest in Canadian History, and everything which makes for a true appreciation of it and of the resources and possibilities of our country; to awaken a desire for this knowledge not only among ourselves, but among those belonging to other nationalities who make their homes on Canadian soil and become citizens of the British Empire. It is not a charitable organization, as the term is understood; neither politics nor religious denominations are differentiated or recognized. We are all Canadians, members of the British Empire, loyalty and patriotism being the requisites for entrance to the Society. The fee is so small (fifty cents annually, payable on or before November 16th), that it is not calculated to cover more than the current expenses of postage, printing, caretaker of room, etc. The officers are all honorary, and the honorary members elected are exempt from the payment of any fee, the Society thus reserving to itself the privilege of paying a compliment to those who have aided the objects of the Society by their work, either literary or otherwise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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*Hon. Secretary.*

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\* See preamble of Constitution.