

would tend more to secure for the Society public sympathy and support than the regular appearance of its Transactions, especially if their contents were not unworthy of the high rank and standing of the Society. The publication of the Historical documents, referred to in the Report of the Council, for the last year, was unfortunately delayed much beyond the time anticipated. It has however been for some time printed, and will, it is thought, be found to throw some additional light on the history of the siege of Quebec.

The Council desires to bring prominently under notice the urgent necessity of securing, if possible, for the use of the Society, more convenient and suitable rooms than those we occupy at present. Our library may be extensive and valuable, our literary meetings may be interesting, and the papers read at them and the discussion upon them may be improving; but if the rooms themselves are not much more accessible and comfortable than those which we at present possess, our books will remain unread upon our shelves, and our meetings will be but scantily attended. Feeling the absolute necessity of changing our locality, the Council, under the orders of the Society, have been busy for some time past in endeavouring to secure more suitable quarters.

The Reports of the Librarian, the Treasurer, and the Curator of the Museum, &c., are appended.

From the Librarian's Report it will be seen that a large and important addition has been made to the library during the past year. The most important accession to our list of books is undoubtedly the Natural History of the State of New York, a work in 19 volumes quarto, published under the authority of the State Legislature and edited by the well known Dr. Hall.

Many years must elapse before we can expect to see a Natural History of Canada on any thing like the same scale as this.