

Death has removed during the past year two of our honorary members, William Kingsford, LL.D., F.R.S.C., etc., and Mrs. S. A. Curzon. Dr. Kingsford was happy in seeing the completion of the gigantic work which had occupied many of the closing years of his life. His "History of Canada" is a noble and enduring monument of his learning and research. The memory of his devotion and self-sacrifice to what he regarded as a patriotic duty, will long remain as an inspiration to Canadians. Mrs. Curzon had contributed much to the fostering of a patriotic spirit by her publications, both in prose and verse. After having been largely instrumental in the establishment of the Women's Historical Society of Toronto, she had lived to see it become, in a few years, the most flourishing historical society in Ontario.

The number of affiliated societies has been increased by five since our last annual meeting, and now amounts to sixteen. Steps are being taken for the formation of others in various parts of the province. The past year has been one of active and varied work. Two special sessions have been held. The usual September meeting at the Industrial Fair was favored with the presence of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, who, I may add, has taken a particular interest in the society. May I be pardoned for venturing respectfully to express the hope that Sir Oliver Mowat will at some convenient time publish in permanent form some reminiscences of his long and remarkable public career? His close friendly relations with the leading statesmen of Canada during half a century, his knowledge of men, his insight into their character and aims, their principles of action and modes of operation, his own large share in directing legislation and government for a period unprecedented in the empire's annals, would add to his narrative a weight and an authority not easy to estimate.

At the winter session in February we had the advantage of hearing an address by Mr. Reuben G. Thwaites, the distinguished Secretary of the Wisconsin Historical Society, remarkable among historical societies for the generous support it receives from the state, as well as for the amount of work accomplished. Local societies reported progress, and papers of importance and value were read or handed in. By our meetings attention has been aroused in various parts of the province, and one of the results, as I have already stated, has been the formation of five new local societies.

The preservation of historic sites and monuments, the erection of memorials to those who have deserved well of the country, and the