

REPORT

OF THE COUNCIL

OF THE

LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
OF QUEBEC,

AT THE

GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING,

Held on the 8th January, 1846.

AT the recurrence of the period fixed by your Charter for holding the Annual meeting of the Society and electing officers for the ensuing year, the Council have to present to you the usual report, giving an outline of the proceedings of the Society during the year now closed ; and it is with regret that they feel themselves compelled to lay before you a statement exhibiting so little of activity or advancement : many circumstances have contributed to this want of progress.

The attendance at the regular meetings of the Society has been so irregular that a quorum could only be formed on six evenings. Two of the principal officers, and other members of the Society were necessarily absent during a considerable period of the winter ; but another cause of the diminished attendance has perhaps been the greater attraction of the new Association, whose lectures and whose reading rooms stocked with journals and