REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

OF THE

LITERARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEBEC,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 14TH JANUARY,

1852.

The time having now arrived for the members of Your Council to resign into the hands of the Society, the charge entrusted to their care, it becomes their duty to submit for your consideration, an account of their proceedings in the execution of the trust reposed in them. Though they regret that it is not in their power to present you with a flattering statement of the present condition of the Society, they have at least the satisfaction of announcing that the condition of the Society has on the whole improved since the last Annual Meeting, by the increase that has taken place in the number of new members who have joined us, and also, by the return of some of the old members, who, in consequence of the removal of the Seat of Government from Quebec, had ceased to be contributors to our funds, and who have again joined the Society. Your Council trust that the Society may look forward to fresh accessions of members now that Quebec has once more resumed her ancient metropolitan honors.

The Council will now proceed to lay before you an outline of the proceedings of the Society since the date of the last report.

In consequence of the reduction of the Quorum required by the Charter for the General Meetings of the Society, we have not had