

Transactions and Historical Documents, by instalments, firstly, in his serial, which has a large circulation in Canada as well as in the United States, and secondly, to issue them in a volume, uniform as to size, type, and paper, with previous transactions. The Society will then be in a position to make a suitable return for the numerous presentations and donations received from scientific centres throughout the civilized world.

3rd. A deputation from the Council recently waited on the Hon. Mr. Marchand, Premier of the Province, and on Hon. Mr. Robidoux, Provincial Secretary, to press on them the claim of the Society, either for a fair equivalent for moneys expended by the Society, on the Historical MSS. which were removed by a former Government to the Provincial Archives or else to return these documents, from which the Society intends to make selections with a view to publication. The deputation was courteously received and awaits the action of the Government.

4th. A special committee was appointed by the Society on the 12th of November last, composed of the President, Sir James M. LeMoine, Past President, and Capt. Wm. Wood, to examine and report on Historical MSS. worthy of publication.

Though the Society, like cognate scientific institutions, met with a heavy blow by the withdrawal of the Provincial grant of \$500 enjoyed for so many years, it counts yet among the citizens of the "Ancient Capital," many warm friends, intent on continuing the good work and carrying on the literary traditions undertaken by their ancestors, whose names are inserted in the Imperial Charter granted to the Association by William IV, in 1831.

During the past year death has robbed the Society of several valuable members, viz : Mr. J. J. Foote, Hon. D. A. Ross, Hon. Judge G. Irvine, Mr. John Hunter and Miss Martin. As a set off the Society can count on seven new members: Messrs. John Ritchie, Raoul Renault, George Veasey, Gordon Renfrew, W. H. Wiggs, T. Brodie, Rev. Lennox Williams.

The following lectures were delivered before the Society during the year :

1. By Professor Gunn, January 19th, subject : "The Literature of Germany."

2. By Revd. Fred. Geo. Scott, February 13th, subject : "Poetry and Life."