

The Committee on Historical Documents has prepared a second small volume, which is now printed and ready for distribution. It consists of the manuscripts presented to the Society by the Earl of Durham, and the Rev. Mr. Holmes. They are eight in number, and contain new and interesting information on the state of Canada under the French Government, which will serve to fill up some lacunæ in the early history of these provinces.

The Council regrets that the meetings of the Society for literary purposes have not been so well attended as on previous years—neither have there been many papers contributed. The numerous subjects proposed for prize essays have not elicited a single paper. Two pictures only were offered—one a historical piece, the other a landscape. To the former (the landing of Wolfe, by Mr. D. Thielke,) a first class silver medal was adjudged. In the disturbed state of the province, the all engrossing subject of politics seems to have carried away mens' minds from the peaceful pursuits of science and literature. With restored tranquillity, however, we may reasonably hope for a return to pursuits, which, while they tend to enlarge the minds of those engaged in them, give offence to none, and are more or less for the benefit of all.