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## ANNUAL REPORT

Lundy's Lane

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THE Executive Committee beg to present the following report of the Society's proceedings since the last anniversary, and to give expression of steadfast loyalty to both Oueen and Country.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Society held no open meetings during the past winter, but have been enabled to publish another most important pamphlet of 114 pages, entitled "Butler's Rangers, and Settlement of Niagara." For the first time the story of the battles and marches, the privations and sufferings of the founders of our Province is told from a truthful and sympathetic point of view.

we affirm that an important blank in the history of the Revolutionary period has now been filled. The work is based on unpublished and official documents, and contains a complete history of the formation and exploits of the famous corps of "Butler's

Rangers."

The Committee are pleased to observe an increasing demand for the Society's publications, and must soon proceed to issue new editions. To the Society's able contributors of literary work sincerest thanks are accorded. To them the Society is wholly indebted for its prominent position among the Historical Societies of Ontario. It is right, therefore, that we here place on record the names of Capt. Ernest Cruikshank, of Wm. Kirby, Mrs. Curz n, Miss Carnochan, Rev. E. J. Flessenden, as able and faithful writers of Canadian History.

The Committee would, however, still urge upon the Provincial Historical Society of Ontario the duty of assuming the publication of such books, for obvious reasons, aided, as doubtless it should be, by an annual grant from the Provincial Legislature.

## MONUMENTS.

The Committee regret to report that no action has yet been taken towards the erction of a Monument on Lundy's Lane Battle Grøund of 1814. The Committee also regret that the fund for the Laura Secord Monument is insufficient'in order to proceed with its erection at this time. The co-operation of School Inspectors, Terchers and children of Lincoln and Welland Counties has been too feeble to admit of any worthy action by the Society. We still live in hope, and trust that ere long our men of Parliament, our fellow subjects, and our school children will learn more to appreciate their grand country, its pioneers and founders, for then will honor be felt—and given to whom honor is due. Monuments of a national character or of individual renown are expressions of a people's gratitude.

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