

gical Observatory in connection with and under the auspices of the Society.

In order to carry out these objects, the Council applied to the head of the Government for a grant of a portion of the Ordnance property on the north side of the Government Gardens in this city, sufficiently large for such a building as they thought necessary. We regret to say, that this application, although favourably received by the head of the Government here, has been refused by the Ordnance Department at home ; the reason assigned being that the ground may be required for military purposes, in the event of the Head Quarters of the Military Government in the Province being transferred to this city.

It is much to be regretted, for many reasons, that the prospect of being possessed of a building of our own is not likely soon to be realized ; yet we hope that our successors in office will not be discouraged by the failure of our efforts in that respect—but that they will endeavour to devise some expedient for securing for the Society a local habitation, in the enjoyment of which they cannot be disturbed.

We have now to call the attention of the Society to an important step which has been taken by the Council since the commencement of the present Literary Session, with a view to bring the Society more prominently than heretofore before the public. We allude to the publication of the Monthly Proceedings of the Society in the columns of the *Canadian Journal* of Toronto. It had long been felt to be most desirable to publish regularly the ordinary proceedings of the Society at its general and stated, or literary meetings. The publication of the *Canadian Journal*, under the auspices of that young, but rapidly growing and most useful sister Society, the “Canadian Institute,” of Toronto, seemed to the Council to present a most suitable medium