

REPORT
OF
THE COUNCIL
OF THE
Literary and Historical Society,
FOR THE YEAR 1860.

The Council of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec have the honor to submit their Report of the proceedings of the Society during the past year.

While the Council are compelled to admit, with regret, that the results of the last year will not bear comparison with the efforts of the Society during the earlier years of its existence, they derive some consolation from the reflection that our condition and prospects now are more satisfactory and hopeful than they have been for many years past. If we turn to the Reports of the Council for the last few years, we find them filled with expressions of regret at the depressed and languishing condition of the Society. They are, in effect, little more than sad and weary chronicles of the continued disasters and losses of the Society. And, in truth, when we review this catalogue of calamities, we wonder almost that the Society could have survived them. The destruction of our splendid Museum by fire, the great injury inflicted on the Library by the same cause, several compulsory removals of the wreck of our effects in the course of four or five years, with the heavy losses necessarily incident to such removals, such are some among the calamities with which the Society has been recently visited. It is not surprising if, under such circumstances,