

British America, both generally and locally, and we trust will be found to be equally useful.—In obedience to the rules of the society we lay before you the report of the Classes which will be found in the appendix No. 7.

We cannot close this part of our report without adverting to the animated address to the public which has been issued by the Learned Chairman of the class of Natural History. It is our earnest hope and expectation that this address will produce the effect which he contemplated, and as it affords us the opportunity, we request permission to recall to the recollection of the society that among the objects of our establishment the attainment of historical information is one which stands prominent. In the port folios of many gentlemen in this province, and probably in other parts of America, there are to be found original documents and papers, with other manuscripts (letters for instance) which united in one collection would form and preserve the most authentic materials for the future historian of Canada.

We venture, therefore, to cite the example of the address made to the public by the chairman of the class of Science, in the hope that the society, or the class of History may be induced to follow it, and if they should we feel assured that many important papers would be deposited in our archives for the future benefit of Canada, which will otherwise perish and be lost to the world.

The statement of the accounts and the report of the Committee to whom they were referred, we lay before you in the appendix No. 8, and we beg leave to request that the society will notice the contents of these documents. It will be seen that we have been disappointed in our attempts to realize the outstanding debts of the society, and we cannot but call your attention most pointedly to this circumstance.

Having been anxious to excite a taste for scientific studies in the youth of this Province, by the introduction of Lectures upon some branch of science in which they might become interested, we engaged Mr. John Finch, to read a course of Lecture