

riages prior to 1694 were destroyed in the bombardment of the town in that year, and no subsequent registers disclose this particular surname.

When Querch's squadron sailed for Nova Scotia in 1627 he was made a baronet and may then have chosen to adopt the English orthography of *Kirke*. Henry Kirke, who has written an account of the expedition to Quebec, is, we presume, a descendant of the gallant commander.

The following are amongst the different spellings adopted :

French Ambassador	Querch
Champlain	Quer.
Scotch Privy Council.....	Kercht
McGregor	Kirckt, Kirke, Kirk
Rogers	Kertch
Garneau.....	Kertk
Charlevoix	"
Farland	"
Bibaud	"
Miles	"
Sulte	"
L'Abbé Laverdière.....	"
Bouchette	Kirk
Haliburton	"
Brymner	Kirke
Slafter.....	"
Jeffers	"

The following is from the "collection de manuscrits," Vol. 1, page 105. "Relation du Voyage fait en Canada pour la prise de possession du Fort de Quebec" — 'les *Kerkts* sont *calvinistes* ou de quelqu'aultre religion plus libertine.'

Societies.

The Society for Historical Studies, The Society of Canadian Literature, and the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society, held a joint conversation at the Natural History Museum on Wednesday evening, 22nd May. Prof. Charles G. D. Roberts of King's College, Windsor, read an address on "The Literary Life in Canada." The hall was beautifully decorated, and an orchestra added to the enjoyment. In the Museum, a number of the cases were filled, for