

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
LITERARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF QUEBEC,

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 5,

1841.

THE Council, as is usual at this time, submit a report of the progress of the Society during the year just closed, and of the external events in which it was interested ; of such events, none affect this Society so deeply as the final loss of those, who were once in any way associated with us ; the first place is therefore due to a short commemoration of our departed friends.

In the death of the Earl of Durham, which occurred during the past year, the Society has to lament a patron and friend, and his country an enlightened and highly talented statesman. The immediate connexion of this Society with the Earl of Durham was but of short continuance, but it was marked on his Lordship's part by a considerate attention to our wants and interests. The elegant copy of the Greek and Roman classics, which he presented to the Society, was brought from England for that particular purpose : and during a short stay at Paris, between the time of his appointment as Governor General, and his