

upon terms advantageous to the limited finances of the Society. This commencement of a volume contains several useful and interesting papers, all written by Members of the Society, with the exception of one by Mr. Robertson, a resident during more than thirty years of his life of the Coast of Labrador. Several papers are also in type, in advance of a second part : amongst which the Council are proud to reckon one by our esteemed fellow Member, Captain BADDELEY, R. E., now absent on duty in a distant part of Her Majesty's dominions.

Since the publication of the part just mentioned, several papers have been read at the Society's Evening Meetings ; a selection from which, it is thought, that your next year's Council will find sufficient, with those in type, to form another part of Transactions.

The papers read during the past year are as follow :

A Necrological notice of the late Valentine Daintry, a lamented Member of the Society—by Dr. Wilkie.

On the Love of Truth—by Dr. Wilkie.

On Animal Magnetism—by Dr. G. M. Douglas.

On the Diversity of the Laws prevailing in the different Colonial Possessions of Great Britain. Two papers, being in continuation of one on the same subject commenced in 1842—by the Honorable A. W. Cochran, D. C. L.

On the causes which operate against Truth—by Dr. Wilkie.

On the Ornithology of the District of Montreal—by Dr. Archibald Hall.

On the Geology of the Perth District—by Dr. Wilson.

A Critical Illustration of the Honorable Mr. Young's work on Colonial Literature and Education—by Dr. Wilkie.

And a paper entitled, Antiphrenology—by Mr. Charles Roger.

It will be seen by this list of papers, that the Society is again indebted to the indefatigable zeal and industry of our worthy and esteemed fellow Member, the Revd. D. Wilkie, L. L. D., whose frequent contributions to the Society's Transactions, have accumulated a debt of obligation to him from the Society, which it should be the emulous endeavour of other Members, by similar exertions, to compensate and discharge.

During the last winter, the Historical Committee published a pamphlet, being their third of the kind, bearing on the early History of Canada. It comprises the three voyages of Jacques Quartier ; Le Routier de Jean Alphonse ; Voyage du Sieur de Roberval ; Lettres de Jacques Noël, with appendices. Although these have already appeared in print, yet in consequence of the copies having become extremely rare, and indeed being scarcely now extant, the Committee deemed that a new impression of them would prove not only of peculiar interest to the Canadian reader, but a service rendered to the student of American History.