

estimation in which they hold our labours, and of the anxiety of these Gentlemen to profit by our information.

Next to the correspondence of the Society must be considered the accessions to its Library, that is, the standard sources of information in the varied objects which its inquiries embrace. The expected volumes of works now in the course of publication have been received, and it is gratifying to mention, that AUDUBON's three volumes on Ornithology, are now on our shelves, though for obvious reasons, namely, indispensable regard to economy, the plates cannot be procured by us. In addition, it is particularly gratifying to mention the large addition of scarce books, both printed and in manuscript, transmitted to us from Paris, by the Rev. Mr. HOLMES. Some of the printed works relate to the discovery of this Continent, to the settlement of some of the first Colonies upon it, and to voyages connected with these important events, directing our inquiries into the conceptions entertained by civilized men as to the first appearance to them of this region of the Globe, and the first steps which led to its occupation by its present inhabitants. The rest of the printed works relate to the History of the Colony from 1750 to 1779, a period which is peculiarly deficient in other historical documents. The manuscripts relate, for the most part, to the same period, and the publication of those of them which shall be found deserving of it, when arrangements can be made for that purpose, will supply important *desiderata* in the History of the Colony. On the whole there is room for congratulating the Society on the increased means and resources for prosecuting its historical and its scientific researches.

In noticing the facilities that have been obtained, towards elucidating the History of the Country, it would be improper to omit mentioning a work which has issued from the Quebec Press in the course of this year, entitled, *Catalogue d'ouvrages sur l'Amérique*. It is written by G. B. FARIBAUT, Esquire, one of your Vice Presidents, manifests a great deal of industry and research, and promises to be of much utility to future enquirers into the History of the Province, as well as of the Continent in general. The thanks of the Society, it is humbly conceived, are justly due to the author, for the zeal and perseverance with which he has prosecuted this important object.