

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF
QUEBEC,
FOR 1854.

THE Council of the Literary and Historical Society respectfully submit, in accordance with the usual practice, a Report of the Proceedings of the Society during the year which has just closed. That year has been marked by events of more than ordinary interest and importance to the Society. We have, on the one hand, serious losses and misfortunes to deplore, while on the other, we are consoled by the progress which, in spite of every obstacle and trial, the Society has made during the last twelve months.

Our last annual meeting was held, as you remember, in the Rooms which the Society had, for many years, been allowed to occupy in the old Parliament buildings. Within little more than a fortnight from the day of that meeting, the whole of those buildings were destroyed by fire. In that calamitous fire, the Society sustained a severe loss. Nearly the whole of its well selected and very exten-