

election, which takes place this day, we cannot doubt that names, heretofore familiar, will reappear on the list of Officers. More, perhaps, might be done in this respect ; and several prominent members of the Legislature, connected with literature and science in general, or with the local interests of Quebec in particular, might without difficulty be induced to add their names and influence towards the support and advancement of the Society and its important objects. During last year a movement was made in Quebec, with reference to the numerous divisions and subdivisions of the Societies and Institutions in the city, partaking of a literary or educational character ; and the question was mooted whether or not additional strength might be imparted to their resources and utility by a fusion of two or three of them together, and by a combination of their objects, where practically possible. The Members of this Society were willing to enter into the movement ; and a Committee was appointed with power to correspond and confer with the Library Association or any other similar Institution with a view to promoting any probable scheme for amalgamation, and the extension of the Society's sphere of usefulness. The movement, so far as the Literary and Historical Society was concerned, proved abortive ; and such, in fact, was the general result, except in one instance, the very judicious amalgamation of the Educational Union with the Mechanics' Institute.

Chiefly owing to the want of a fixed and settled abode, much more so than to the withholding of Government assistance, the restoration of the Society's once famous Museum remains in abeyance ; but there are materials sufficient on hand to form a respectable commencement, and several very generous promises of contributions have already been made as encouragements towards this desirable object. The arrival and