

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE
LITERARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR 1861.

The Council of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, at the expiration of their time of office, have the honor to submit their report of the progress and proceedings of the Society for the past twelve months.

During the course of the year the number of our Members has gone on steadily increasing, although not, perhaps, so rapidly as could be wished.

In accordance with the suggestion made in the Report of the Council for last year, (a suggestion which met with the hearty approval of the Society,) such of the original Members of the Society as were still in Canada, and who, from one cause or another, had ceased to belong to the Society, were invited to rejoin its ranks. The Council regret to say that this well-intentioned movement has not met with the success which the late Council seemed to expect. Some few, however, of the original Members have again enrolled themselves among us, and the Council still entertain the hope that others may yet follow their example.

The departure of Sir Edmund Head, from Canada, in the month of October last, deprived the Society of a distinguished patron. Immediately after the arrival at the Seat of Go-