

exists further, for the information of men of other nations, and other languages, to give them that knowledge which they seek respecting that portion of the Globe which Canada covers. Its intention is to uphold the intellectual honour of the country in the Parent State, and in that State from which the Colony derived its origin, and in every region of the Globe to which Science has found its way. It anticipates, that justice will be done to it not only in the present age, but also by a grateful posterity, for whom it labours to open up the path of enquiry, and to whose use it bequeathes its collections.

On these, and other grounds not less strong, your Council cannot divest itself of the hope, that more favourable times will yet arrive, when the Legislature of this country, like the Legislatures of most other countries, will see it and continue to regard it as one of its indispensable duties, to foster with a less sparing hand, a Society formed for public, universal, and perpetual interests.

Leaving this subject, the Members of your Council have further to notice, that the departure to Europe of the Revd. JOHN HOLMES, of the Quebec Seminary, and a zealous Member of the Society, afforded them an opportunity of endeavouring to draw closer the ties which united the Society with Literary Associations in other parts of the world, and of prosecuting, both in London and Paris, the historical researches which are more immediately suited to its character; namely, those relating to the history of this country. The expectations of the Council with respect to the former object, have, as will hereafter be seen, been amply realized; the latter object, though it has not yet been materially advanced, may still be expected to be beneficially prosecuted by our indefatigable associate.