

The other "On the best means of fertilizing lands by means of natural and artificial manures."

But in consequence of accidental delays these papers did not arrive until after the period fixed by the Council for receiving prize essays.

In pursuance of the statement made to the Society in last year's report, measures have been taken during the summer for commencing the publication of a new volume of Transactions, by issuing from the press a selection from the papers in possession of the Society; this publication has been somewhat delayed by negotiations with the printer, by the occasional absence of the publishing Committee, and by other unavoidable causes, but it is now so far in progress that the forthcoming number will be ready for delivery in course of this month; and the Council have every hope that materials sufficient to justify the commencement of another number will be found by their successors in the papers still on hand.

There being still a balance unexpended of the Legislative grant of £300 in the year 1832, for publishing historical documents, the Standing Committee on Historical Documents, have applied a portion of it to the reprinting the Journals of Jacques Cartier, the Discoverer of Canada; these journals had long been out of print, and it is believed that but few copies are extant, even in the most extensive public libraries in France, of the last edition published so long since as 1594. The reprint now ready to be issued under the the direction of the Historical Committee of the Society is made from a copy obtained by the Society, of a manuscript in the Royal Library at Paris, supposed to be a transcript of the original journal of Jacques Cartier himself. To this republication the Committee have appended French translations, (for which the Society are indebted to the zeal of one of the members of the Historical Committee) of two ancient journals, and of another tract relating to the first discoveries on the shores of Canada; which are to be found in Hakluyt's collection, and are not known to be extant in any separate form.

The Council believe that in rescuing these documents of the discovery and early history of Canada from the obscurity in which they have lain so long, in renewing as it were their existence, and making them more accessible, the Society will be deemed to have rendered a useful service