

The re-appointment of classes, at the next council meeting, will tend to preserve the productions, read on these occasions, from being indiscriminately lost to the society. This measure had also become requisite, that there might be properly appointed committees in readiness to examine, and report upon, the relative merits of the *Essays and Productions*, which are expected in response to the offer of *Prize-Medals*, published a few months ago by the Society. New members or others, requiring farther information on this subject, are referred to the appendix of this report.

During the latter half of the year a friendly intercourse took place between this Society and the Natural History Society of Montreal; and a resolution was passed at one of our meetings recommending "that this Society and the Natural History Society of Montreal should agree to interchange any duplicate specimens which they possessed, and otherwise maintain a mutual communication." This was cordially responded to, and a resolution, passed accordingly by the Montreal Society, was duly received, as well as other communications from the present president of that Society, Major Lachlan, one of our corresponding members.

Mention of this naturally leads us to notice the visit of Capt. Lefroy, the officer in charge of the Magnetic Observatory in Toronto, his presence at one of our meetings, and our mutual congratulations on the occasion. Since then, we number among our associates two or three members well acquainted with the distinguished gentleman just mentioned; an additional assurance, that the societies, in both Provinces, will combine to promote the pursuits of Science and Literature, and in some branches, perhaps, which may prove useful, not only to this country, but to other portions of the world.

A proposition was made through Capt. Lefroy to this Society, as well as to the Natural History Society of Montreal, to promote the success of that meritorious publication, "*The Canadian Journal*" of Toronto, by engaging two or three pages of it every month, for the purpose of recording therein any papers or articles connected with our proceedings. The hope of being enabled to resume the publication of our own transactions seemed to render the completion of such