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The above officers will constitute the Council of the Society, and their successors will be elected by ballot by the Society, under such regulations as it may enact.

We understand that the membership is, for the present, limited to twenty in each section and comprises Canadian authors of works or memoirs of merit, as well as persons who have rendered eminent services to Literature or Science in Canada. Among the names of members we have heard mentioned the following : Abbés Bégin, Casgrain, Provencher, Verreault and Tanguay ; M M. Frechette, P. DeCazes, Oscar Dunn, F. X. Marchand, P. LeMay, J. Marmette, B. Sulte, J. Tassé, N. Bourassa, H. Fabre, F. G. Marchand ; Principal Grant, Charles Lindsey, A. Todd, W. Kirby, Prof. Lyall, J. L'Esperance, Col. Denison, Prof. J. Clark Murray, Dr. Bucke, Rev. Æneas Dawson, Prof. Watson, G. Murray, Prof. Paxton Young, Evan McColl, John Reade, C. Sangster, Geo. Stewart, jr., Sandford Fleming, C. Baillargé, Prof. Johnson, Prof. McGregor, H. A. Bayne, Very Rev. T. Hamel, C. Hoffman, Prof. Loudon, Prof. Chapman, Prof. Bailey, Dr.

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The members of the Society will assemble in General Session, in the Parliament Buildings, on the 25th May, when the first meeting will be opened by the Governor-General, and the Council will report on the preliminary steps which have been taken towards the organization of the Society, on the arrangements for the subsequent sessions, on the titles of papers, and other business of a general character. The Society will then adjourn to meet in Sections, when addresses will be delivered by the Presidents of the several Sections, and papers will be read and discussed. In order that the proceedings of the Society may be of an interesting and useful character, it is expected that as many of the members as possible will prepare papers, or other contributions on Literary or Scientific subjects, to be read in the Sections. Papers prepared by others than members may be communicated by any member on the same terms with those produced by himself. All the meetings for addresses, and the reading and discussion of papers, will be open to the public, but only members will be permitted to take part in the proceedings of the Society. We shall look forward with much interest to the proceedings of this first meeting of an essentially national Society, which will bring together many men of eminence in the literary and scientific world, and must materially assist, if inaugurated and promoted in a catholic, liberal spirit, in developing the intellectual culture of the people of the Dominion. The results of this intellectual movement will be awaited naturally with much curiosity by the readers of this periodical which has always done its best to stimulate intellectual thought in a country where there is too often a tendency to undervalue the efforts of scientific and literary men.—*Communicated.*

NOTE TO THE FOREGOING BY THE EDITOR.

THE motive which prompts to a few words of criticism upon Lord Lorne's