

at last of the "cold gradations of decay," which had for some time been but too perceptible to his friends, he repaired to his native air for the restoration of his health; but the change came too late; he lived to reach the residence of his only surviving parent, and after lingering a few weeks, under the pressure of increasing disease, he closed his blameless life on the 14th September, in the bosom of the beloved family in which he had been reared.

Shortly after coming into office, the Council presented an address of congratulation, on the part of the Society, to His Excellency the Governor General, on his assuming the government of the Province, and solicited the honor of enrolling His Excellency's name as patron of the Society, to which His Excellency was pleased to accede, with expressions of strong interest in the objects and pursuits of the Society.

The Council regret to state that there is still much reason to lament the irregular and insufficient attendance of members at the stated meetings of the Society; and but few papers have been produced by members during the last year. The Council have only to notice:

Two papers by the President on the true cause of the expulsion of the French inhabitants from Nova Scotia, in the year 1755.

Another paper by the President on the diversity of laws prevailing in the colonial possessions of Great Britain.

Notes on Esquimaux Bay, and the surrounding country on the Labrador coast, by W. H. A. Davies, Esquire.—And notes on Ungava Bay and its vicinity, by the same gentleman.

A paper by the Reverend Dr. Wilkie, on the comparative qualities of the French and English languages.

Two papers of considerable merit and research reached the Society in the course of last winter, by the mails from England, sent by the writers in competition for the prizes offered by the Society in the preceding summer. One of these papers was "On the History and Progress of Literature in Canada."