

tical proof of the revival of the Society. Let us hope that the coming years will be even more fruitful in such results than the past.

Among the papers which the Council have recommended for publication, is that by Lieut. Ashe, containing his notes of the Expedition to the Coast of Labrador to observe the Eclipse of the sun which took place on the 18th of July last.

When it became known to the Government of Canada that a well appointed Scientific Expedition was to be sent from the United States to our coast to record their observations of this interesting phenomenon, our Government wisely determined that Canada should not be wholly unrepresented on the occasion, and they selected Lieut. Ashe as the Canadian delegate to Labrador.

The observations made by Lieut. Ashe on that occasion will of course be embodied in the general report made to Congress by his Scientific associates from the United States. Meantime it seems desirable that Lieut. Ashe's scientific journal should be published as speedily as possible "in extenso" in this country, in order that we may have an opportunity of seeing that the mission of Lieut. Ashe was not without fruit and that the Scientific interests of Canada did not suffer in the person of our energetic Vice President.

The Council cannot conclude their report without referring with pleasure to a somewhat novel but highly gratifying feature, in the events of last year. Within the last few weeks the President received from St. Malo, the birth place of Jacques Cartier, a communication from a Literary gentleman of that town, (a friend of an old corresponding member of this Society,) a long and apparently carefully compiled Memoir of that celebrated discoverer. M. C. Desmazières De Séchelles, the writer of this Memoir, which contains, he states, many details of Cartier's life and discoveries hitherto unpublished, collected by himself from the archives of Saint Malo, promises to send us future communications. The Council lost no time in conveying their thanks to this gentleman and expressed the gratification they would feel in being