

historical material relating to Ontario, including the reminiscences of pioneers, maps, journals, letters and other documents, whether preserved by individuals or in the public archives, the translation of important works written or printed in French, the reprinting of rare or costly books and pamphlets of general interest, the collection of information relating to the ethnology of Ontario, and generally to endeavor to place before the people of Ontario and historical students all available facts relating to the history of the Province. A systematic plan of work will be sketched and as far as practicable followed out, so that the best results may be obtainable.

To aid us in our undertaking, the Provincial Legislature, on the recommendation of the Government, voted at its last session a grant of \$500, which, it is hoped, will be followed by other grants in future years according to our needs and deserts.

We enter upon our wider sphere of operations under favorable auspices, and trust that as a printing society and as an educational force the organization may prove its usefulness in the promotion of historical study.

In addition to the special meeting for the amendment of the constitution, the Society held the usual September meeting on the site of the old Fort Rouillé at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition grounds, at which a paper by Miss Mary Agnes FitzGibbon on "Literature in Canada" was read, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Scadding, Rev. Canon Bull, M.A., Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Senator, Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P., Mr. J. J. Withrow, President of the Industrial Exhibition, Mr. D. B. Read, Q.C., Mr. Whitmarsh, and others.

The admission of the Six Nations of the Grand River Reserve as an affiliated historical society is an incident worthy of special notice on account of the possible results which may accrue, not only to the Indians themselves, but also to all who are interested in the history and customs of the native races. The council of the Six Nations invited the Association to hold its next annual meeting on the Reserve, and the invitation was cordially accepted. The meeting is to be held at Ohswéken, near Brantford, on the 1st June, and amongst its members will be the duly accredited representatives of the Confederacy.

This is believed to be the first instance of an aboriginal community formally identifying itself with a society for historical purposes.

The officers elected at the annual meeting held in June, 1897, were as follows:—

Honorary Presidents.—Rev. Dr. Scadding, Rev. Canon Bull, M.A.
President.—James H. Coyne.