

determination. The Council, therefore, cannot omit the opportunity of again urging this important object on the attention of the Society ; and of expressing a hope that among the changes expected to take place in the course of this year, some thing may occur, which may be turned with advantage to the attainment of so desirable an acquisition, so that the Society may possess a local habitation as well as a time honoured name. In connection with this subject, however, the Council consider it proper to explain that a proposal has been mooted in several of the literary associations in this city, and recommended in the public press, for the erection or even the renting of a spacious edifice, in which the different Societies might separately or combinedly find accommodation for their libraries, collections, and meetings. Such an arrangement is by no means regarded by your Council as altogether vain or impracticable ; it might include the advantage of a common Reading-room with an enlarged number of journals and periodicals, as well as a partial combination of the respective libraries, and might embrace the formation of a Museum, on a large scale, to be thrown open to the public at particular hours. The Council would recommend to their successors and to the Society in general, not to lose sight of this idea, and to be ready to receive with attention and cordiality any approaches made by any of the literary or scientific associations in this city, with a view to the promotion of so important an object.

The Council regrets to record, on this occasion, that the aid obtained from Government during last year has been reduced to a much less sum than at any previous period. It would be difficult to assign any just or reasonable cause, when the liberal supplies given to the Canadian Institute in Toronto are taken into consideration, why this Society, the oldest incorporated association of the kind in Canada, should receive