

## REPORT

OF THE COUNCIL of the LITERARY AND  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEBEC, at the  
Anniversary Meeting for the election of officers,  
January 11th, 1837.

IN surrendering into the Society's hands, the charge which, during the past year, has been entrusted to them, the Members of Council beg to make a few observations ;—First, on the history and external form of the Society during that time, and the changes favourable or unfavourable, which, as a Corporate body, it has undergone ;—Secondly, on the progress it has made in the great objects for which it exists,—the advancement and diffusion of knowledge.

### I. History of the external form of the Society.

The Members of your Council, upon entering on their respective offices, immediately perceived, that, however humble the collection, which, in something more than ten years, the Society had succeeded in forming in Natural History, Apparatus, and Books ; that collection was still too valuable to be left exposed to the accidents to which all such property is liable. The sum, therefore, of £800 was ensured upon the different descriptions of property owned by the Society.