

unless an application to the authorities of the Province should prove successful; a result they sanguinely anticipated from the desire always manifested by the Legislature to facilitate the means of Education. Time has shewn, that they did not calculate on wrong assumptions, and in the recent grant of Two Hundred Pounds, the Society has itself put in possession of means to acquire a handsome collection of Minerals, an object of interest, not only as forming a part of the Society's Museum, but as being probably a chief step towards exciting a love for Mineralogical Science, and as removing one of the most powerful obstacles to its cultivation. An arranged collection of well characterized and authentically named specimens must form a powerful incitement towards the cultivation of Mineralogy, and the liberal conduct of the Society, in allowing free access upon all occasions to the public, will render the expected benefit available in the highest degree.

As the order employed in former Reports appears to allow of the details being brought forward in the clearest manner, it will again be adopted, and the Council will notice the changes which have occurred during the year under the three heads of—1st. *The Museum.* 2d. *The Library.* 3d. *Miscellanea.*

I. THE MUSEUM.

The sub-divisions of Natural History necessarily give rise to an equal number of divisions in the arrangement of the objects collected. They are classed under the heads of Animal, Vegetable, and Mineral Kingdoms, to which a fourth class is added to include objects of art, curiosity or interest, not properly placed under either of the other three.

In the first sub-division, that of the Animal Kingdom, the Council have not been able to carry the augmentation to the extent contemplated by the last Annual Report. This was occasioned in a great degree, by the want of a person properly qualified to prepare the specimens; a want which