

obstruction to the intended arrangements of the appointed authorities. The result has been the assignment of the large room, now generally known as the Museum, for all the purposes of the Society. Into this room, accordingly, was crowded the multifarious property, of which the Society is the constituted guardian and proprietor, together with its own extensive library, important scientific collections, and philosophical apparatus.

The expenses, incidental on the removal, were very considerable. The book-cases, on being fitted up anew in a suddenly prepared room, had for the due preservation of their contents, to be furnished with substantial deal backs; and some uniformity, in this and other arrangements, had to be maintained by an extraordinary outlay. The glass-cases for the birds, and other things, were necessarily altered; and good taste was, in several instances, ingeniously displayed. But scarcely were these troublesome alterations brought to a close, when renewed invasions of considerable magnitude were made on our diminished quarters, for the better ventilation of the Hall of the Legislative Assembly. These rendered almost futile some of our best arrangements just finished, produced much immediate inconvenience, and entailed an increased expenditure.

Without doubt, the Legislature will make a suitable allowance in compensation to the Society for these reiterated expences. Meanwhile the customary annual grant of £50 has been included in the estimates or vote of credit; but our moderate application for £150 to meet the necessary outlay, caused by the alterations in the parliamentary buildings, has not been noticed, in consequence, we suppose, of the unexpected prorogation of parliament; but in fairness, however, it cannot be doubted, that this amount, or even a larger one, which the additional changes, emanating from authority, have entailed on the Society, will be liberally granted in the supplies, when the legislature has re-assembled.

Your Council cannot help reminding you, on this occasion, that this Society, the most ancient incorporated body of the kind in this country, has a sacred duty assigned to it under these trying circumstances; that it has intrusted to it the custody and maintenance of