

the Society: and yet the importance and utility of such a Museum could not but be considerable. The discoveries of the last few months have proved beyond cavil that the district is rich in mineral wealth, and hence the study of the minerals of the district is at the present moment a subject of special interest and importance. Such study could not but be very materially promoted by a judicious and well-arranged collection, accessible to the public, of all the more important minerals of the locality.

The Council have referred to the papers read at the Stated Meetings as one of the proofs of the marked improvement which has taken place during the year.

The following is a list of the papers read:—

- 1.—LIEUT. ASHE, R. N., F. R. A. S., Vice-President.
on "The Gyroscope".
- 2.—S. STURTON, Esquire, Curator of Apparatus.
on "The Kimmeridge Clay and its Fossil Remains".
- 3.—N. H. BOWEN, Esquire, Council Secretary,
on "The Isle of Orleans".
- 4.—LIEUT. ASHE, R. N., F. R. A. S., Vice-President,
on "The Rotation of the Earth".
- 5.—W. S. BINGHAM, Esquire, Curator of Museum,
"Notes of a Residence in the Sandwich Islands".
- 6.—LIEUT. ASHE, R. N., F. R. A. S., Vice-President,
on the "Notes of the Expedition to Cape Chidley to observe
the late Solar Eclipse", 1860.
- 7.—S. STURTON, Esquire, Curator of Apparatus.
on "Copper and Copper Mines".
- 8.—C. M. TATE, Esquire, C. E., Engineer to Quebec Harbor Commission,
"Anecdotes of the Brunels".
- 9.—S. STURTON, Esquire, Curator of Apparatus.
on "The Wild Flowers of Quebec, and where to find them".

Some of the foregoing communications the Society has, on the recommendation of the Council, deemed worthy of being added to its transactions, and the Council are happy to be able to say that a number of the transactions containing these papers will, probably, within the next month, be in the hands of the Members. The renewal of the old practice of publishing our transactions, (which was wholly discontinued during the preceding four years) is perhaps the best prac-