

In the mean time, from the great similarity which obtains, as the Librarian remarks, between the Natural History of the country, and that of the State of New York, the student of the Botany, Geology, or Zoology of Canada, will find in the pages of Hall's work, almost all the information he could expect to obtain from a work specially devoted to the Province.

The Council are pleased to have it in their power to report that almost all the rare and expensive works which have been added to the Library, have been purchased considerably below the cost price, and they think it due to the Librarian to add that, to the zeal and judgment of that officer this gratifying result is altogether due.

The funds of the Society appear, from the report of our energetic Treasurer, to be in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding the extraordinary inroads which have been made upon them during the past year for the purchase of books.

On the whole, the Council are of opinion that the proceedings and progress of the Society for the past twelve months have been satisfactory, and that our position and prospects are better now than they were at the commencement of the year. It will depend upon the members themselves, and especially upon the incoming Council, whether the progress made by the Society during the present year will not be, as we have no doubt with proper effect it might be, far more marked and decisive.

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