of Reference, specially designed to afford facilities for scientific and literary research, the Council feel assured that the members will hail it as an additional step in furtherance of the objects of the Institute, rather than as a condition detracting in any degree from the value of the increase made to the collections.

The Council avail themselves of this opportunity to record the obligations under which they, as well as all the members of the Institute, are laid to Oliver Mowat, Esq., one of their number, by whom all the requisite legal deeds, for effecting the union of the Athenaeum with the Canadian Institute, have been gratuitously prepared and executed.

The additions made to the Library, by purchase, during the past year, include some works of value, among which the Council have been indebted to Lieutenant-Colonel Lefroy's good services, for enabling them to acquire seventeen volumes of the Philosophical Transactions, wanted to complete the Library set. But the Council have been induced to curtail their expenditure, in this and other respects, in anticipation of the inevitable outlay attendant on the resumption by the Government of the rooms provided for the use of the Institute in Government House.

The following List comprises the additions which have been made to the Library, by purchase, during the past year:—

## Books Purchased for the Library.

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Hand Book of Chemistry, by Leopold Gmelin, Professor
    of Chemistry in the University of Heidelberg, Sc., &c.,
  Life of the Hon. Henry Cavendish, including abstracts of
    his more important scientific Papers, and a critical in-
    quiry into the claims of all alleged discoveries of the
    composition of Water, by George Wilson, M.D., F.R.S.E.,
    Elements of Chemical and Physical Geology, by Gustav
Bischof, Ph. D., Prof. of Chemistry and Technology in
    the University of Bonn; translated from the manuscript
    of the author by Benjamin H. Paul, F.C.S., & J. Drum-
  J. P. Nicholl, LL.D., Prof. of Astronomy in the Univer-
 ledge. Third edition enlarged; second division applied
   sciences: Photography ...... 1
 Atlas of Physiological Chemistry, consisting of microscopic
Figures, by Dr. Otto Funke, a Supplement to Lehman's
   Physiological Chemistry..... 1
  A Pamphlet accompanying do, by the same author ....... 1
 Report of Sixth Anniversary Meeting of the Cavendish So. 1
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 The Ethnological Journal—a Magazine of Ethnographical and Antiquarian Science. Edited by Luke Burke, Esq.
 New series, published quarterly.-No. 1, Jan., 1854..... 1
Philosophical Transactions for the years 1817-18-21-22-
   23-24-25, two Vols.-26, two Vols.-27-28-29-30-31-32
   and 33-total Vols......17
The following books have been bound, and added to the
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Blackwood's Magazine, 1854	_
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Illustrated London News, 1853 2	
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Journal of the Franklin Institute, 1853 2	2
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Civil Engineer and Architects' Journal, 1853,	
Vol. XVI 1	
Journal of Education, 1854 1	
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The Council have great pleasure in acknowledging the liberality with which contributions continue to be made to the Library; and they feel assured that nothing is wanted but a permanent building, with suitable accommodation for the adequate display of the collections, to secure for the Institute a Library and Museum, alike creditable to itself, and of practical benefit in advancing the cause of science in the Province. The following are the donations which have been received since last report:—

## Donations to the Library.

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The Geology of the Island of Arran, by A. C.
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    Ramsey...... 1
  Handbook for Field Service, edited by Captain
                                              Capt. Lefroy.
    Lefroy, Royal Artillery..... 1
 *Report of the Comrs. of Public Works for the
                                               Hon. W B. Ro-
    years 1853 and 1855 ......
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 *Return relating to Judicial Officers in L. Ca. 1
 *Titles & Documents relating to the Seigniorial
    Tenure, in return to an address of the Legis-
    lative Assembly, 1851...... 1
 *Edicts, Ordinances, Declarations, and Decrees
                                               Thos. Henning.
    relative to the Seigniorial Tenure, required
 by an address of the Legis Assem., 1851.... 1
*Relationabrégée de quelques Missions des Pères
    de la Comp. de Jesus dans la Nouvelle France 1
  Transactions of the Literary and Historical So-
 A. E. Meredith.
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From Mr. Bohn, per A. H. Armour:-
   Hungary, its History and Revolutions ...... 1 Stand. Library.
   History of Russia from the earliest Period... 1
Locke's Philosophical Works, Vol. II........ 1
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Those marked thus (\*) are Pamphlets.