

SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING.—31st January, 1857.

The Hon. the Chief Justice DRAPER, C. B., President, in the Chair.

WILLIAM BENNET RICH, Esq., Goderich, was elected a Member.

The following Donations were announced and the thanks of the Institute voted to the Donors :

1. By the Trustees of the New York State Library :
"Copy of a new Catalogue, and several Pamphlets."
2. By Major F. Wells, Royal Regiment:

A Stone Hammer, picked up in one of the Trenches of Sebastopol, third parallel left attack, about three feet six inches under ground.

Major Wells, by whom this interesting relic was secured while actively engaged in the Siege of Sebastopol, being present, the President conveyed to him the thanks of the Institute for this donation, as a relic of the past, rendered doubly valuable from its constituting also a memorial of the memorable war in the Crimea.

The following paper was then read :

By Professor WILSON L.D. :

"On the antiquity of the use of Narcotics in the Old and New World."

SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING.—7th February, 1857.

Colonel BARON DE ROTTENBURG, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were elected Members :

Mr. Sheriff TREADWELL, L'Original, C. W.,

ROBERT HEDDLE, Esq., Toronto.

WILLIAM COBB, Esq., Solicitor, Toronto.

RICHARD GRAHAME, Toronto, (Junior Member.)

The following papers were then read :

1. By Professor D. WILSON, LL.D. :

"On the Customs, Usages, and Superstitions of the Old and New World, in relation to Tobacco and other Narcotics."

In illustration of this paper, Mr. Paul Kane exhibited a curious collection of Pipes, and other specimens of American native art, executed and used by the various Indian Tribes of the North West.

2. By Rev. Professor HINCKS, F.L.S. :

"Notes on the Strigidae found in the neighbourhood of Toronto."

Specimens were exhibited from the collection belonging to Toronto University

EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING.—14th February, 1857.

Professor E. J. CHAPMAN, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Donations to the Library were announced, and the thanks of the Institute voted to the Donors :

From A. H. Armour, Esq. :

"Outlines of the Geology of Ohio, by C. W. Whittlesay, with a map.

From the Author :

"Natural History of Vermont, a Lecture by Z. Thompson."

"Preliminary Report on the Geology of Vermont."

The following papers were then read :

1. By JOHN LANGTON, Esq., M. A. :

"On the early French discoveries in North America."