

5. That a glass cabinet, similar to one of those in the physics apparatus room, be procured, in which to keep the physiological apparatus bought last year in Britain.

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In the department of geology and mineralogy a number of additional specimens of rocks and minerals have been added to the collection, and a number have been transferred to the School of Mining. My visit to Michigan last summer was not so successful as I had anticipated, owing to the fact that visitors to mining districts are not allowed to pick up anything of any value—everything, worth having, is secured by dealers or their agents and held for sale.

The cases in the Zoological department were emptied last Summer—backs put into them and the shelves painted. The specimens were all re-arranged and now present a much better appearance than formerly. Mr. R. M. Horsey very kindly undertook the work of arranging the birds according to the present ornithological classification, and also mounted a fine specimen of a hawk caught in the Science Hall. A fine collection of 25 bird skins, nicely prepared, was received from W. T. McClement, M.A., and a mounted hawk from the late David Nicol.

Former students have offered to procure specimens of bird skins, if the board would pay the expense of mounting. If the Curator were authorized to spend some fixed amount for this work our collection could be largely increased.

No additional mammals have been received.

At the last meeting of the Board I was authorized to procure a case for preserving insects. Shortly afterwards the Government Entomologist at Ottawa offered to make up for the College as complete an arranged collection as possible of the insect fauna of the Province, upon the condition that the College would pay for the case to contain them. This seems to me a much better arrangement, and I hope that the treasurer will be authorized to pay the bill when presented.

The Herbarium has been greatly increased in usefulness by the large collection of Mosses and Lichens presented by A. T. Drummond, LL.B., and a collection of 120 species of Mosses from T. L. Walker, M.A. A large bundle of plants was received last summer from the Agricultural College, Michigan, and another during the winter from the Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, with the promise of another in exchange this summer. Nearly 1000 sheets have been mounted since last spring. The collections made by the Curator last summer furnished a number of new specimens.

Expenses during the year, \$42.75.

Amount of grant last year, \$30.00

The usual grant of \$30.00 will probably cover expenses this year, as no new paper or jars will be required.

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