

or less rare, have likewise been found :—Magnesite, amphotelite, weissite, doubly-refracting calc spar, anthophyllite, yellow tourmaline, idocrase, tabular spar, sphene, apatite, &c. The knowledge of the success thus attending a very imperfect investigation of a very small portion of this extensive country, should act as an incentive to increased exertion, and should circumstances prevent the entry on this field, of resident mineralogists, it is to be hoped that some competent individual from Europe or the United States may not long leave the field ungleamed.

The Council cannot pass over a very gratifying improvement which has taken place, viz. an increase in the number of papers read at the monthly meetings, the effect of which is very visible in the increased attendance of the members. It is to be hoped that this impulse will not cease, but that the same motive to attend the meetings may be afforded through the succeeding year. The Council would have been pleased to have been able to include in this Report a notice of a renewal of the Lectures given two winters ago, but unfortunately they have not been attempted, and the limited and inconvenient condition of the Society's rooms, will, till remedied by removal, prove a barrier to them.

The prize questions announced last year, have been met by a return of no less than nine Essays, which, however, have not been considered of a character sufficiently high, to merit the distinction of the award of a medal. Several among them were considered by the Judges appointed to decide upon them, of considerable merit, and in their Report a suggestion was made which the Society seemed favourably to entertain, of instituting minor prizes, to meet such cases as have this year occurred, whereby merit, though not sufficiently distinguished to deserve the medal, might be rewarded.

The Council, in this review, have now arrived at the great business of the year, viz. the plan for procuring a building adapted for the proper accommodation of its extensive and continually augmenting museum, and for other purposes connected with a