

## GENERAL.

A movement, originating, we need scarcely say, in the minds of the Associate Members, is now on foot to open the rooms to the public three afternoons in the week. They propose to employ a lady librarian and curator, who will place and keep the museum in good order, and catalogue and re-arrange the library, under the direction of the regular officers of those departments. The necessary funds will be obtained by enlarging the membership and by special donations.

A programme of the winter's work has been distributed, and exhibits a new departure—that of laboratory work—which we think will prove both interesting and profitable.

We desire to remind you that a building fund has been established by one of our members; and we trust that further donations will soon be forthcoming; for we must remain alive to the fact that the space at our disposal is quite inadequate to our purpose, and that our collections, being unsafely housed, must, in case of fire, be entirely destroyed. Let us hope that our new building is not so very far in the future.

The Summer Camp of July last was, perhaps, the most enjoyable in the history of the Society. The trustees of the St. Martins Seminary very courteously placed their large building at our disposal, and we found ourselves in comfortable quarters, provided with excellent facilities for class-work and lectures, and centrally and pleasantly situated. Amongst those who attended we may mention Prof. L. W. Bailey, Dr. Geo. F. Matthew, President G. U. Hay, Prof. W. F. Ganong, and Prof. A. Wilmer Duff.

To the press of St. John we owe our best thanks for the free publication of notices and reports of meetings, and of articles of much greater length; and also to the gentlemen who contributed to the lectures and essay series during the year.

While on reviewing the past year we do not find so many remarkable features as in its predecessor, yet we feel quite justified in considering it one of more than average excellence. It witnessed a large addition to the membership, a most successful Summer Camp, considerable accession to the museum and library, the issue of a large bulletin, and, finally, the appointment of a permanent assistant librarian and curator. We feel confident that the ensuing year will be equally active and equally prosperous.

Respectfully submitted.

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