

## REPORT

OF

### THE LIBRARIAN & CABINET KEEPER FOR 1854-5.

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THE accessions that have been made to the Library and Museum during the twelve months now elapsed are detailed in the subscribed statements. From a comparison of them with those presented at the last anniversary meeting, it will be observed that recently the augmentation in donations to the Library exceeded in number the specimens that had been given to the Museum, while on the previous year the increase was chiefly experienced by the latter department of the Society.

The list of new books has been so arranged as to dispose them into two groups. 1stly, Transactions of Public Bodies; 2ndly, Monographs. The more important of the works under the former division will be found to be the Statutes of Canada, Transactions of the American Institute for 8 years, and the volumes containing the Bombay and Madras Magnetical Observations. Under the latter head, one in particular may be signalized, viz., Cassin's Illustrations of the Birds of California, Texas, Oregon, British and Russian America.

Regret cannot but be felt at the paucity of additions made to the Museum, and that notwithstanding repeated solicitations, members especially, the corresponding are rather more remiss than formerly in their responses to enrich the Cabinet with objects of Natural History.

Of the alterations made in the internal arrangements of the Museum, it is only necessary to particularize one: the coins which had hitherto been in the custody of one of our members have been collected and deposited in the Mineralogical Apartment in suitable cases, expressly manufactured for their safe keeping.

The present Report may not be inaptly concluded with an extract from its predecessor. "The want of funds to meet the necessary expenses has delayed further improvements, some of which are much needed, as the purchase of cases for a number of specimens, chiefly ornithological, which are unprotected from accident and destruction." To this it may be added, that the glass cases now in the Library are insufficiently commodious for its purposes, and that many valuable books have consequently to be temporarily stowed away in obscurity.

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