

relative position of the various nations of Italy at the period of the foundation of Rome.

The proposal to carry on a course of Lectures in connexion with the Society, during the present winter, has been seriously made, and there is still a hope that it may be successful. One Member has obligingly offered his services, and others have expressed their willingness to give their aid. Only a few more seem necessary to carry the scheme into effect. As this part of our system, if carried into effect, would be particularly useful to the families of Members, as well as to the public, the Members of Council earnestly but respectfully recommend it to the attention of their successors in office.

Of the improvement which the Museum has received during the year just elapsed, the best judgment may be formed by attending to the regular reports of the Curator, who has been assiduous in making them from time to time, and especially from the annual report just furnished by him, and now laid on the Table. Amongst the additions we may first mention those made by purchase, being chiefly the specimens sent down from the Upper Country by Mr. WILLIAM SMITH, our former Assistant Secretary. They are, indeed, rather scanty ; but they are as extensive as the means placed at the disposal of the Council, enabled it to procure. Some other Zoological specimens have been presented by individual Members. In the Geological Department, an uncommonly rich and liberal donation has been received from S. WRIGHT, Esquire, of Cork, consisting of rocks, fossils and shells. Captain BAYFIELD, of the Royal Navy, has added to his former invaluable donations, an extensive collection of rocks, chiefly from the Bay des Chaleurs. G. JOLY, Esquire, of Lotbinière, has laid the Society under great obligations, by an interesting donation of Bronze