

The Council would further notice, that, during the past year, the monthly meetings of the Society have been regularly held, and sustained with some spirit. At each meeting one hour has been devoted to business, and the remainder of the evening to the reading of scientific papers and to discussions on topics of natural history.

As most of these papers have been or will be published in the Journal, it is unnecessary further to refer to them here. The Council trust that the next year will be one of even greater activity and zeal than the past. A wide field of investigation is open in this province to the students of natural science. Some departments have not yet been touched, and many are but partially treated. This Society offers to the lovers of nature a happy stimulant to exertion, together with the fellowship of kindred minds, and a medium through which discoveries may be communicated to the world.

*Report of the Curator and Librarian.*

The Curator has reason to congratulate the Society upon the marked improvements in the general appearance and actual value of the Collections in its Museum and Library. This will be adjudged from the following report of Mr. W. S. D'Urban, Sub-Curator, whose services to the Society can now be fully appreciated :—

REPORT OF THE SUB-CURATOR.

PROF. JAMES BARNSTON, M.D., CURATOR :

SIR,—In compliance with your request, that I would draw up a short statement of the arrangements effected by me in the Museum of the Society during the time I had the care of the collections, I beg to submit the following brief summary of them.

In the first room to the left, on the second floor, I have assembled all the Vertebrate Animals, with the exception of the Birds. The Canadian Mammalia are cased separately, and are classified and named. A few foreign specimens, belonging to such orders as are not represented in Canada, are also cased and stand next to those of this country. Such specimens as are of too great size for the cases occupy the middle of the floor. This room also contains two large cabinets of specimens illustrating Comparative Anatomy, two cabinets of Reptiles ( Canadian and Foreign ), and one case of Foreign Fish. The walls are hung with Deer's Heads