

acquisitions and also the other Cetacean specimens already in the Museum, and we hope when this is ready, to be able to exhibit a more complete collection of our Canadian Cetacea than any heretofore made.

The Principal has placed on exhibition with the Egyptian collection a beautiful bronze model of the obelisk on the Thames embankment, cast by the Messrs. Elkington, and which exhibits the whole of the inscriptions on the four sides. The Committee of the Egypt Exploration Fund has kindly promised us a further collections of specimens from its collections.

Several collections for exchanges have been made up, and sets of specimens of fossils have been sent to specialists for determination.

It has become a question in connection with new and interesting specimens procured and original work done, whether it may not be advisable to publish from time to time bulletins or reports of a scientific character, which might serve to record the new facts obtained and to make the Museum of greater interest to specialists. This was attempted in the Second Report of the Museum but has since been intermitted. It is suggested that some arrangement might be made with the editors of the *Record of Science*, whereby papers might appear in that publication with illustrations furnished by the Museum, and might be reprinted in separate form and with such additions as might be necessary for our use.

Mr. Redpath has continued his gift of \$1,000. Mrs. J. H. R. Molson continues to pay the salary of the Assistant Curator, and we have to acknowledge with thanks an additional donation of \$500 from Mr. J. H. R. Molson for the purchase of specimens.

Orders have been given for four large glass cases; that for Cetaceans already mentioned, two to extend the accommodation in the ante-room for Ethnological and Botanical specimens and one for Economic minerals. The cost of these will somewhat exceed the funds at present available, but it is hoped that by economy they may be paid for in the course of next year, and they will greatly improve the Museum.

Additional microscopes and other apparatus have been procured for the classes in Vegetable Physiology under Prof.