

has been arranged with reference to its use in the instruction of the classes, and arrangements are now completed whereby students in the future will be given instruction in the analysis of both fresh and dry specimens.

During the year a few important additions have been made to the mineral collection by exchange and purchase, and the poorer specimens on view are gradually being replaced by better ones. A special collection is being arranged to illustrate such characters of minerals as lustre, cleavage, fracture, specific gravity, &c., and considerable new material has been added to the stock employed by students in determinative mineralogy. Several new models illustrating the laws of symmetry have also been obtained and used to illustrate the lectures on crystallography.

The most useful aid to the Museum at present would be a fund available for cases and for the mounting of specimens. Many of the specimens given by friends, or which can be acquired to supply deficiencies, require to be prepared and mounted at considerable expense, and advantage cannot always be taken of such opportunities or adequate cases provided for new specimens for want of means. It would also be a great advantage to have means of publishing and circulating lists and descriptions of specimens of scientific interest.

The number of visitors, besides students, has been about 2,500 in the course of the year. Many of these were free, and the fee for admission has been reduced to a nominal sum. It may be explained that this fee was not imposed for revenue, but to prevent the Museum from being a resort of idlers, who not only interfere with students, but injure specimens. It should also be stated that though the Museum is intended for educational rather than popular uses, it has been made as accessible as possible to all desirous to learn. All members of the University and friends accompanying them are admitted free. Free admission is given to all strangers having introductions; tickets of invitation have been issued to scientific, educational and religious bodies visiting the city, and classes of children are admitted when accompanied by their teachers. In these and other ways the collections in the Museum have been made accessible to all desiring to profit by them. It is, however, to be desired that means should be provided for large explanatory labels, drawings and models, to accompany specimens, and for such attendance on scientific and other visitors as might enable them better to understand and appreciate the collections.

The list of donations will be published in the annual calendar.

Respectfully submitted.

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