

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF MUSEUM.

Your Curator regrets being obliged to report the total destruction of your entire collection of objects in Natural History, Archæology, &c. The loss is the more to be regretted in that a successful effort was being made to replenish the Natural History department, \$157 having been expended within a few months previous to the fire, in the purchase of a case, and of specimens of Canadian quadrupeds and birds, which were admirably stuffed by Mr. Couper, in accordance with the agreement made with him last winter.

Your Curator would venture and recommend that in reconstructing the Museum, the Society should aim at illustrating the natural history and productions of North America alone, and above all at making as complete a collection as possible of whatever might advance our knowledge of the aboriginal nations of this continent; and that, not only because its limited means prevent it compassing thoroughly a wider field, but also because this is our proper sphere of labor and research.

Your Curator would further recommend that a liberal sum be set apart for refurnishing the Museum, as several valuable donations will be presented so soon as there are cases to receive them.

Subjoined is a list of donations, for each of which severally, thanks have been tendered to the donor. A longer list, it may be hoped, will appear in the next report, as a printed circular, soliciting specimens for the different de-