

from the office he held with so much benefit to the Society ; and also of W. E. Logan, Esq., the Provincial Geologist, who was elected to succeed him. They have pleasure, however, in congratulating the members upon the election of the Rev. Dr. Leach, as their successor in the Presidency of the Society.

The Council also have to regret their inability to accomplish the wishes of their predecessors, to establish Literary Soireés,—difficulties having operated to frustrate their endeavours, and postpone the accomplishment of so desirable a measure.

The following Report of the Librarian and Cabinet-keeper, will show the present state of the Library and Museum, which, though not very greatly enlarged, have received some valuable additions to their contents. Your Council trust, however, from the means they have used, to call the attention of the Corresponding Members to this department of the Society's efforts, to receive from them more liberal contributions are long.

The Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee will be found to contain a statement of the Society's Financial affairs, that calls for the earnest and immediate consideration of the members. The receipt of the grant of £150 from Government has, as will be perceived, enabled your Council to reduce the amount due, on account of the purchase of the Society's premises, to £150, so that the payment of this sum whenever it can be effected, will put the Society into entire possession of the valuable property they hold.

The paucity of the Society's funds have completely prevented your Council from adding anything to the Museum by purchase, or to the Library any of the valuable scientific works now in course of publication, and still less to do anything in promoting the objects of the Society by the offer of Prizes to successful candidates for Essays on subjects of Natural History, important to the interests of Canada.

Your Council feel it to be a duty incumbent on them to call the particular attention of the Society to the valuable Report of your excellent Treasurer, who has with indefatigable pains examined the accounts of the Society for 18 years, to prove that some augmentation of the annual sub-