

REPORTS, &c.

FIFTH REPORT.

IN delivering up to the Society the control which was last year entrusted to it, the Council begs leave briefly to particularize the circumstances which have arisen during the period of its continuing in office.

Within this time the Society has come into the occupancy of rooms much more extensive than those primarily occupied by it. This change has allowed the various articles of value in the different divisions of the Museum to be displayed to advantage, and the Council is happy to have it in its power to state, that notwithstanding its enlarged premises, there is yet considerable difficulty in giving place to all the objects of interest in the Society's possession. The rapid increase of these, by donation and purchase, will, before long, require a farther extension of space, a circumstance which, though liable to be attended with considerable inconvenience at the time, cannot be regarded but with pleasure by every member.

During the past year the collections of the Society have increased considerably in every department of the cabinet, and it will, doubtless, afford great satisfaction to the members to learn, that the value of the donations has, perhaps, exceeded that of any former years. The Council cannot resist par-