

recommend that exercise; and would suggest to their successors, that, in order to encourage it, they should determine on a subject or subjects, and offer a prize to the writer of the best essay thereon. The essays to be submitted to gentlemen competent to judge of their comparative merits, according to whose decision the prize shall be awarded.

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It was resolved at the last Semi-Annual Meeting that endeavours should be made to found a Museum and procure philosophical apparatus. To this resolve the attention of your Board has been turned, and a subscription list opened for the purpose has received several names. They have obtained a number of choice specimens of stones, which have enabled them to form the foundation of the museum; and their successors, they trust, will rear the superstructure.

### **Funds.**

The Treasurer's Report, now to be presented, will exhibit the fiscal affairs of the Association. It will shew a very considerable debt as having been incurred in fitting up these Rooms, and for the other expenses of the Association. Yet, considering that many of these expenditures are incident to the first year or two's existence of an Association of the kind, and necessary to its being thoroughly furnished for its objects, it will appear that due regard has been had to economy.

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It is matter of regret to your Board that few—very few—of their brethren of French origin have as yet identified themselves with the Association. Specially for their benefit, and as an inducement for them to join,