The remark applies to a mixed collection of Chemical Instruments and Agents, presented to the Society by Sir John Caldwell, the residue of an old laboratory; put by until the Society is placed in a situation more favorable for the fitting up of a laboratory than it is at present.

Under the existing circumstances it is not possible to form one, or to conduct any systematic course of lectures on Chemistry—objections would be made, and very properly so, until the apartments of the Society are removed from the present building.

LIBRARY.

The tardy increase of the Library is matter of deep regret, more especially as the works of which we are most in need are too expensive for private collections, and because moreover, the country is lamentably deficient in publications upon Natural History generally and its correlative subjects; even in those which, by placing the enquirer here upon a level as to present information, enables him to ascertain what has been done by his predecessors, and thus prevents him from pursuing subjects in which he may have been anticipated; or points out those which are likely to lead to new results.

So depressed have been our funds that we have barely been able to continue the series of publications already commenced.

Some valuable additions have however been made to the library by permanent donations; and one great work has been entrusted to our charge until a contingency occur, which is not perhaps in immediate prospect.

His Excellency Lord Aylmer, with the advice of the Executive Council, has placed under our charge the publication of the Record Commission, which has been presented to the City of Quebec by His Majesty's Colonial