

The Council are sorry to announce that Mr. Broome, so long the Janitor of the Society, died after a brief illness a few months ago, and they have from various considerations deemed it proper for the present, to continue the services of his widow, as keeper of the premises, which they trust will meet with the approval of the Society.

The accompanying Reports of the Treasurer, the Librarian and the Cabinet Keeper, will present an account of the condition and prospects of the Finances, the Library, and the Museum.

In view of the meeting of the American Association in August, and of the necessity of arranging and presenting the subjects of the Museum in the best and most scientific order, the Council have engaged the services of J. M. D'Urban Esq., a young Naturalist of considerable attainments and ability, for six months as Assistant Curator. As however the collection cannot be rendered complete or properly arranged without considerable expense, which the present ordinary income of the Society will not sufficiently afford, it has been resolved to meet the additional expenditure by applying to this purpose any special funds that may be obtained.

In surrendering the important interests which have during the past year been confided to them, your Council experience much satisfaction in reviewing the activity and energy of the Society. A measure of progress has marked the history of this valuable Institution—an accession of scientific talent has been acquired, and much important literary and other labour has been undertaken. As the coming year appears destined to be one of considerable promise in promoting the aims of the Society, your Council beg to express a hope that its zeal and energy in the cause and promotion of Science may be crowned with complete success, and may largely contribute to foster that spirit of earnest investigation into the phenomena of nature which so eminently distinguishes the present age.

In conclusion, the Council have to express their gratitude for the liberal aid given by the Government in consideration of the invitation extended to the American Association. The Council recommend that a portion of this sum be expended in arranging and improving the Museum, in providing an entertainment for