

Literary Notices.

The first *Bulletin of the Brookville (Ind) Society of Natural History* is to hand. The true object of such a report seems to be reached in the little volume before us, that of giving to the scientific world in a readable form, the result of original research in local natural history, geology, etc. Extended descriptions of local fauna and flora are here given

We are receipt of the *Proceedings of the Newport (R. I.) Natural History Society* for 1884-5. This volume contains a number of papers of more than usual interest and go to show that the society is doing much valuable work. The Geology of the mouth of Narraganset Bay" by S. Nelson Dale, "Evidences of glaciation on Mount Kearsarge, N. H. by Bayard S. Putnam, and "Natural Plants of R. I." are but a few of the interesting papers in the report before us.

The Museum is a late addition to popular science periodical literature. It is designed for all classes of collectors, and the several departments of science receive considerable attention, archæology, perhaps having the preference. The journal is under the editorial management of the well known scientist, E.A. Barber A. M. We wish it a brilliant future.

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Latest number of the *Transactions of the Nova Scotian Institute of Natural Science*, Halifax, received. The papers show that some of the members at least are enthusiastic in their research and devoted to the interests of the society. Following is the list of articles appearing in this number:

Notes on the Debert Coal field, Colchester, N. S. By EDWIN GILPIN, JR., *Inspector of Mines*

Notes on the Manganese Ores of Loch Lomond. By the same.

Notes on Peculiar Auroræ. By Prof J. G. MCGREGOR, D.Sc.

On the Northern Limit of Wild Grape Vines. By Prof. GEORGE LAWSON, Ph.D., L. L. D.

Sable Island (continued) By S. D. Mc DONALD, F. G. S.

Glacial Action, at Rinouski, Canada, and Loch Eck, Argyleshire Scotland. By Rev. D. HONEYMAN, D. C. L.

Notes of a Polariscopic and Microscopic Examination of Crystalline Rocks of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. By the same.

Some Physival Features of Nova Scotia with notes on Glacial Action. By M. MURPHY, C.E., *Prov. Gov. Engineer.*

Notes on Nova Scotia Fresh-water Sponges. *A. H. MCKAY, B.A., B.Sc.

Report of WM. GOSSIP, ESQ., *Delegate to the Royal Society of Canada, May, 1883.*

Glacial Distribution in Canada. By Rev. D. HONEYMAN, D. C. L.