

The Council lost no time in making preparations for replenishing the shelves of the library, and they have prepared lists of books to be purchased, which it is hoped that the position of our finances will yet enable them materially to extend. The orders for books which are to be purchased in England have not as yet been sent off, but considerable progress has already been made in procuring books from the United States. It was thought that the rate of exchange between the two countries afforded great facilities for making purchases there at the present moment; and with this view, as also for the purpose of establishing amicable relations with Societies of a kindred character, as well as of obtaining the important publications gratuitously distributed by the central and several State governments, the sum of \$120 was placed at the disposal of the President to defray the expenses of a personal visit to Washington, New York, and Boston. The President associated with him the Rev. J. Douglas, and the result of their mission is already beginning to be felt in the books which are arriving. Their purchases have only amounted to about \$800, as it was found that a large number of European publications could be obtained more cheaply by direct importation; but the additions to the library from the liberality of the several governments and of sister Societies, as well as of individuals, will be important in the number, and still more so in the value of many, of the publications contributed. We are not in a position to enter into details as to these new acquisitions, as they have as yet but partially reached Quebec; but the extent of these donations will form a marked feature in the history of the year; and, as most of the contributions will be annually repeated, our library will for the future be well supplied with everything, which illustrates the early history and present progress of the neighbouring States.