

on Artificial Auroras, illustrated by Rumkorff's Induction Coil and Geissler's vacua Tubes. A small charge was made for admission to this, to defray the expenses of illustration.

CONVERSAZIONE.

The annual *Conversazione* was held at the Museum on Feb. 18th, and was numerously attended. After an address by the President, a series of interesting experiments on Force was made by Dr. Edwards. Objects were exhibited in microscopes lent by Messrs. Ferrier, Watt, Muir, Clarke, Ritchie, Murphy, Baillie, and others. A binocular microscope was lent by Mr. F. Cundill. Principal Dawson exhibited a collection of Fossils and Canadian Pearls; Mr. Rimmer a series of Fossils; Mr. Chapman of Fictile Ivories; Mr. Stanley Bagg of Coins and Medals; Mr. Reynolds of Illustrated Works and Roman Antiquities. The rooms were tastefully ornamented by a committee of ladies; and a choice collection of flowers was exhibited from the conservatory of Mr. Donald Ross. The band of the Rifle Brigade enlivened the meeting with beautiful music. A novel feature on this occasion was the execution of permanent decorations, designed by Mr. M'Cord, which recall to mind the names of the leaders in different departments of science, emblazoned with mottoes and emblems, in a very attractive manner. It is hoped that every year permanent additions will be made of the same character.

MUSEUM.

The Council has pleasure in again expressing their high appreciation of the services of Mr. Whiteaves, whose special report to the Council has fully set forth the labours and acquisitions of the year. They have renewed the previous engagement with him, subject to due notice being given on either side. In consequence of the great additions to the collection, and especially those generously presented by the University of Oxford at the instance of Mr. Whiteaves, it has been found necessary to erect three new glass cases. A sub-committee was appointed to assist the Curator in this and other changes in the Museum. Special donations to the fund for cases were made by Mr. Rimmer of \$40, and Mr. Reynolds of \$45.

The two extremities of the Museum room being now fitted with permanent cases, the much greater work of fitting up the two sides on the same plan ought to be proceeded with without delay. The existing cases are not only unsightly, but they afford no