

when possessed of clear judgment and an imagination both active and well governed, if assisted by facts established by others, and by observations on concurrent phenomena, he may be equally, if not more useful to the world by proving doubtful hypotheses, or by promulgating new ideas.

During the past season, several papers have been read, which have generally elicited interesting discussions. At the first ordinary meeting, a valuable paper was brought before the Socieity, "On the effects of cold on certain trees, with a note on the destruction of the birch partridge by low temperatures," written by Dr. Adams, of the 22nd Regiment. This was followed by a paper by Professor Dawson on "Arctic and Alpine lands," with illustrative specimens, exhibited by Mr. R. P. Starr; by a paper "On the Manufacture of Maple Sugar," by Mr. Hoyt; by a paper from Professor Bailey, entitled "Classification;" and by different selections from scientific publications. The Council, while regretting that a greater amount of original matter has not been added to that already in the possession of the Society, beg leave to state that a number of gentlemen have promised essays on different subjects, and they do not doubt that the meetings for the present year will afford much instruction and entertainment for such of the members as are pleased to attend.

The following synopsis of the Treasurer's Report to the Council shews a respectable balance on hand to meet the limited liabilities of the Society:—