

REPORT OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE FOR THE  
YEAR 1885.

*To the Corporation of McGill University.*

GENTLEMEN :—

The Committee of the Peter Redpath Museum have much pleasure in reporting the continued growth and usefulness of this important institution, and more especially the improvement and extension of its collections by the work of the Honorary Curators and Assistant Curator, and by purchases and donations.

The Museum and its class-rooms have been in constant use by large college classes, visitors to the number of 1,520 have enrolled their names, and, in addition to these, classes from schools have frequently been permitted to inspect the Museum under the care of their teachers.

Mr. Redpath has kindly continued his donation of \$1,000 for current expenses. Mr. J. H. R. Molson has given an additional sum of \$500 for the purchase of specimens, and the salary of the Assistant Curator has been paid by the liberality of a lady friend.

A very valuable addition has been made to the mineral collections by the purchase of the cabinet of the late Mr. J. G. Miller, of Ottawa, which we have been enabled to secure by the liberality of Mr. J. H. R. Molson. It includes a very complete collection of the more important Canadian minerals, especially those of the Laurentian districts, a good general collection, and a large quantity of material suitable for exchanges and donations to foreign museums.

Advantage was also taken of Dr. Harrington's recent visit to Europe to secure a number of minerals and rocks necessary for study, but not hitherto represented in the collections. These, together with the Miller Collection, are now being arranged in the Museum.

We have to thank the Director of the Geological Survey of India for an interesting collection of fossil plants, and have received other donations, a list of which will be appended to