

my time. A number of cases that have not been opened for years, have been unpacked, and their contents carefully looked over. Several specimens that were missing in Dr. Holmes' collection, have been restored to their place, and labelled. Including these, and several specimens placed in this collection for the sake of comparison, the series now consists of upwards of 1400 specimens from various parts of the world, all of which are carefully labelled. A collection of Canadian rocks and minerals has been formed to illustrate the prominent features of the lithological part of Canadian geology. A number of new specimens has been procured, and about 200 rocks and minerals are now named and exhibited. Two packages were found to contain a series of the rocks, lavas, and other minerals of Vesuvius and its neighborhood, a collection of great interest, and containing many fine specimens. The labels attached to these were written in Italian, and thus incorrectly spelt. Signor de Angelis, who has lived many years in the immediate neighborhood of Vesuvius, has kindly helped me to identify the exact localities of the specimens, and Dr. Hunt has determined some of the more difficult minerals. The set consists of about 380 specimens, all of which are now labelled and exhibited. These two last collections, which have never been exposed to view until now, occupy one of the new cases which were got last winter. A number of miscellaneous minerals of interest have been labelled and placed temporarily in the case in the aquaria room. The number of specimens labelled is about 165. A great many duplicates and worthless specimens have been selected and put away. The number of specimens of rocks and minerals that are now named and exhibited in the museum may be approximately summed up as follows:

Dr. Holmes' Collection, with additions, over 1400 specimens.	
Canadian Rocks and Minerals.....	200    "
Rocks and Minerals of Vesuvius.....	370    "
Miscellaneous do.....	165    "

In all upwards of..... 2139 specimens.

Some 500 or 600 specimens remain without any locality, they are mostly duplicate examples, and are in some cases undetermined. The second new case has been entirely devoted to our collection