

the many individuals that have, during the closing year, added to its possessions, donations of various kinds. It trusts that the benefit, which it fondly hopes the Society will be the means of conferring upon the community, will secure a continuance of this most decided proof of the good will of the public, and of their satisfaction in the general management of the affairs of the Institution. Although it is impossible to notice all those who have presented donations of value, the Council begs leave to mention the names of T. A. Begly, Esquire, of this city, and J. J. Langdon, Esquire, of Burlington, as donors of large and valuable series of minerals; and of N. Gould, Esquire, of London, who has several times transmitted objects of curiosity and of utility. It has also pleasure in stating, that during the last summer a donation of minerals, from a sister Society, has been received. The Belfast Natural History Society, small in its outset, like the Institution of which the Council forms a part, has been raised into distinction by the persevering and zealous exertions of a few private individuals. Societies with a kindred object, situated in distant regions of the globe, can be mutually beneficial, and the Council of this Society has not failed to reciprocate the donation received from its Irish contemporary; and it is to be hoped that a connection so auspiciously begun will not be suffered to die away. Captain Bayfield, R. N. by a donation of geological specimens from the lower parts of the St. Lawrence, and William Sheppard, Esquire, of Woodfield, by a donation of dried plants from the environs of Quebec, have conferred obligations on the Society which it is bound to acknowledge. Among the donors of objects of art or curiosity, the Council thinks itself justified in mentioning the name of Captain Stoddard, of the ship *Thames*, of London, who has, on several occasions, made handsome presents to the Society.