

We should also bear in mind that in the greater centres of literary and scientific life there is a strong temptation, especially on the part of ambitious men who have their own fortunes to build up, to deal in that sensation science with which the popular literature of the day is deluged. In our own comparatively obscure field there is little inducement to this or opportunity for its display, and this is so far in favour of a healthy scientific tone, which we should endeavour to preserve and cultivate. Our danger arises from being too ready to follow the extreme views put forth elsewhere, and from impatience with the slow returns for honest and careful work.

The Chairman of the Council (Dr. J. Baker Edwards, F.C.S.,) then submitted the following :—

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

Your Council, in reviewing the work of the past year, believe they may congratulate the members on the amount of progress attained.

The ordinary meetings have been fairly attended, and much interest has been evinced in the subjects brought forward; some of which have been of a highly practical and interesting social character, viz. :—

1. Oct. 26, 1868.—On some Specimens of Palæontological interest. By Principal Dawson.
 2. “ “ On the remains of Mastodon found at Dunville, Ont. By E. Billings, F.G.S.
 3. Nov. 30, 1868.—Notes on Beetles collected in the neighbourhood of Montreal. By A. S. Ritchie.
 4. Dec. 28, 1868.—On some Recent Additions to the Society's Collection of Birds. By J. F. Whiteaves.
 5. Jan. 25, 1869.—On the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. By F. Mackenzie.
- “ “ “ (On the) Vital Statistics of 1868. By Dr. P. P. Carpenter.