

from the additions of the last year ; and it is but just to add that we are mainly indebted for them to the zeal and rapidly improving skill of our Assistant Secretary Mr. Smith ; who has amply justified his selection for this branch of his office.

The Council invite the particular attention of the Members to the Report of the Curator of the Museum, and to the suggestions he offers for its increase, by means within the reach of any Member of the Society—nor can the Council permit this opportunity to escape them of expressing the great satisfaction they feel at the able manner in which the duties of this laborious office have been executed by Mr. Henry Sewell.

The arrangements of the specimens have been in most branches nearly wholly made by him ; and in some entirely so : while the catalogue *raisonnée* he has kept of all the collections of the Society is such as, whether considered as a specimen of clerical accuracy or of scientific arrangement, will probably bear a comparison with those of the best arranged cabinets of Europe.

APPARATUS.

Scarcely any addition has been made to the Philosophical Instruments previously in the possession of the Society, the low state of our funds has totally precluded its possibility ; and although the discontinuance of the lectures has rendered the want less immediately urgent, yet we have to regret the absence of many instruments which, if placed in the careful hands of individual members under due responsibility, would be usefully employed in various objects of pursuit.

It is to be hoped that an improved state in our finances may enable us, in no long time, to make such additions as are most urgently called for.

The Curator of Apparatus in his Report speaks of the neglected state in which a part of it lies in a detached room.