

The exterior form of the Library, it will be perceived, has undergone some expensive alterations, conducive to convenience, to embellishment, and to the safe keeping of the books. A great number of volumes, which were exposed to danger, by being loosely stitched, or only in boards, have been bound. A Catalogue, which has been long and much wanted, is in course of preparation, through the exertions and assiduity of the Assistant Secretary, and may be expected to be soon ready for printing.

Our cabinets of Natural History are receiving a valuable augmentation, in a box of shells, selected and shipped for us by the Right Honourable the Earl of Gosford ; but which, by an accidental delay in transmission, was necessarily conveyed to New-York. It may be expected at an early day by overland carriage.

Our collections of this description, continue to receive frequent additions by donations of various kinds. A collection of moths, made at Grosse-Isle by Dr. George Douglas, is entitled to particular notice. Fifty-three specimens in Mineralogy, from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the Districts of Quebec and Gaspé, have been presented by Captain Bayfield, R. N. The Reverend John Holmes, of the Quebec Seminary, presented twenty-one specimens in Natural History, brought with him from Europe. To these the same gentleman added a splendid and highly useful donation, consisting of sixty-three large folio plates, illustrative of Baron Cuvier's system of animated nature, and one plate illustrating the present system of Geology.

The publication of important historical documents, has been advantageously continued. By the influence and public spirit of His Excellency the Earl of Durham, some valuable manuscripts have been procured for us from Versailles, which the Committee on that subject had in vain striven to obtain through any other channel. The greatest part of them have been printed, and are nearly ready for distribution. They contain important information relating to the statistics and events of the province in former periods. The others remains in the Society's archives for future disposal.

Mention was made in the last Annual Report, of some valuable manuscripts procured at Paris by the Reverend Mr. Holmes.