

All the alcoholic and many of the dry specimens obtained in these dredgings, with the exceptions which will shortly be noticed, are placed provisionally in a large cupboard in the vestibule, with five compartments, which was constructed for the purpose. A few of the mollusca and celenterates are incorporated into the general series in the gallery.

The whole of the collection of marine worms has been sent to Dr. McIntosh of Murthley, by Dunkeld, in Fifeshire, who is engaged in their examination, and who has published a report on part of them in the *Annals of Natural History*.

A few critical Polyzoa are also in the possession of the Rev. A. M. Norman.

The Ostracoda, which have been studied and reported on by Messrs. Robertson and Brady, have not yet been returned, but are still in the hands of the former gentleman.

Duplicates have been sent to Professors Verrill and Smith, of Yale College, and to Mr. Alfred Brown of Glasgow. From the former gentleman the Society has received a named series of marine invertebrates from their dredgings on the New England coast; and from Mr. Brown a number of species of exotic shells.

As soon as I can find time to put my notes into shape, I propose to publish a final report on the results of the whole of these dredgings.

COLLECTIONS DEPOSITED BY THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

These consist of marine invertebrates from the Gulf of Georgia and other parts of the west coast of British North America, for the most part dredged or collected by Mr. James Richardson, also of a collection of dried plants from the Pacific coast made by the same veteran explorer. These require to be labelled with tickets stating clearly to whom they belong, in case they should be claimed by the Government or by the Directors at any future time.

Finally, while resigning the offices of Scientific Curator and Recording Secretary, permit me to express the hope that the members generally will overlook or excuse any shortcomings or remissness on my part during the past fourteen years, and that they will believe that my sole object during this long period has been to endeavour to promote the advancement of knowledge and to popularize the study of Natural History in this city.

Mr. E. E. Shelton, as Treasurer, submitted the annexed financial statement: