

tion was from Dr. Charles Belin, of Gaudaloupe, W. I. consisting of shells, corals, sponges, minerals, and various artificial curiosities collected in the region in which he resides. Mr. Moss Moses, of this city, has presented two boxes containing a very large number of insects from China. Mr. Morrow, of Halifax presented a box of Nova Scotian and other minerals, with other objects. Finally, a large number of coins has been received by donation, consisting chiefly of those now current in various quarters of the globe, but among which are also some real antiques.

The library has also been augmented by some valuable donations, among which, as first in value, may be mentioned Wilson's and Bonaparte's splendid plates of the birds of America, with letter press, published under the editorial care of Professor Jamieson, of Edinburgh; this work, the cost of which, together with charges, amounted to £32 10, was presented by W. Bingham, Esq. lately a resident in this city, but now in Europe. Another valuable donation presented by W. Edmonstone, Esq. of this city, is six thick imperial quarto volumes of Playfair's British Family Antiquity, exhibiting a full description of the nobility and gentry of the United Kingdom. A third work of great interest and value, handsomely presented to the Society by Edward D. Bangs, Esq. of Boston, is the elaborate and excellent Report on the Geology of Massachusetts, from actual survey, composed by Professor Hitchcock, of Amherst College, Massachusetts. There have been added by purchase also several valuable works, especially a complete copy of the late Sir Edverard Home's Lectures on Comparative Anatomy, and several volumes of the edition now publishing (the 7th) of the Encyclopædia Britannica, of which ten volumes have been received.

During the last summer a very necessary work was completed, viz. a Catalogue Raisonné of the mineralogical cabinet. It has been thought advisable to divide the specimens into four classes. 1st, A general mineralogical one, for simple minerals from all other parts of the world besides Canada.