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With reference to the Library, owing to the necessary expenses of removal and other calls upon the Treasury, the Council have not been able to add to any extent to the list of scientific works; the studious reader, however, will find upon the present catalogue, very many standard text books for the most part inaccessible to the general public; and thanks to the liberality of private gentlemen and of sister societies—among which latter the Council would name the Boston Society of Natural History, and the Essex Institute, in the United States, the Natural History Society of Montreal, and one Society in Bremen, as representing the Continent of Europe—several valuable publications, principally magazines and periodicals, have been placed on the shelves. The Council, however, would suggest the great desirability of sustaining and replenishing this department of the Society, as it is needless to remark, that no student in this age of circulation and published knowledge, can successfully prosecute his researches in any branch of Science, without access to the text books and the different productions of learned and scientific men; and that, although a man may do much for Science by collecting specimens, or as an incident thereto, by establishing facts before doubted or unknown,