

In surrendering the important interests which have during the past year been confided to them, your Council experience much satisfaction in reviewing the activity and energy of the Society. A measure of progress has marked the history of this valuable Institution—an accession of scientific talent has been acquired, and much important literary and other labour has been undertaken. As the coming year appears destined to be one of considerable promise in promoting the aims of the Society, your Council beg to express a hope that its zeal and energy in the cause and promotion of Science may be crowned with complete success, and may largely contribute to foster that spirit of earnest investigation into the phenomena of nature which so eminently distinguishes the present age.

In conclusion, the Council have to express their gratitude for the liberal aid given by the Government in consideration of the invitation extended to the American Association. The Council recommend that a portion of this sum be expended in arranging and improving the Museum, in providing an entertainment for one of the evenings of the meeting, and that the balance be reserved for any aid that the Society may be called upon to contribute towards the success of the meeting.

A Report from the Treasurer showing a balance in hand of over ten pounds was also read; as was a Report from the Curator of the Museum, on the state of the Society's collection, and the donations made to it during the past year.

On motion of Dr. Barnston, seconded by Dr. Jones, it was resolved that the Reports now read be received and adopted, and referred to the Council for early publication.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

The President having appointed Drs. Fraser and Barnston as Scrutineers, the meeting proceeded to ballot for Office Bearers and Council. The following was declared the result:—

President, J. W. Dawson; 1st Vice-President, L. A. H. Latour; 2nd Vice-President, Sir W. E. Logan; 3rd Vice-President, E. Billings; Corresponding Secretary, W. Hingston, M. D.; Recording Secretary, A. N. Rennie; Treasurer, James Ferrier, jr.

Cabinet Keeper and Librarian—Jas. Barnston, M. D.

Members of Council.—Rev. A. F. Kemp, Dr. Fraser, Rev. A. DeSola, Dr. Jones, and H. Chapman.