

News Room.

Concerning this department it is pleasing to your Board to state, that it is supplied with local, American, and European papers and periodicals to the number of forty. Nor is it less pleasing to add that they are regularly read: at all hours of the day are Members at the reading desks, while in the evenings, it is sometimes difficult to obtain a particular paper, so many are there requiring them.

The list of papers received being substantially the same as that reported last year, need not be again detailed. It may, however, be stated, that, acting on the recommendation of their predecessors, your Board have added *Colburn's United Service Magazine*, and a Montreal French newspaper.

Here also are to be found, a News Book and Shipping List; in the former of which the leading items of news are noted, and the latter contains all necessary particulars concerning every ship that enters our port. And here too the character of the weather, as indicated by thermometer and barometer, is daily recorded.

The Board would recommend their successors to supply this room with a Register, in which young men in want of situations, and merchants in want of clerks, might enter their names. It would be advantageous to both.

Classes.

Your Board, immediately on having the accommodation which this suite of Rooms affords, sought to form classes for the study respectively of Book-keeping, French, and Mathematics. The requisite numbers for the two former have not yet been made up, nor is it