

To have enumerated them would have also entailed much unnecessary labour, since, in anticipation of the alterations that are now about to be made, the entry of the names and descriptions of the objects added has been omitted, as not being likely to be of any permanent use, and they have been only reserved in safe keeping till the new arrangement should be completed. To follow the example, then, of former reports, would require a labour unattended with any beneficial result, and would indeed be anticipating that to which special Committees have been appointed. The Council, however, cannot refrain from stating that large additions have been made to the Society's collections. Of these, the most important is unquestionably the handsome and extensive collection of minerals, which the liberality of the Legislature enabled the Society to purchase. The specimens of this collection are of a superior description, the size being that adapted to collections of public bodies, and the extent and variety such as will leave little to be desired for any purpose of general utility, or for the facility of study, or for the purpose of illustrating a course of lectures. Besides the valuable collection acquired by purchase, a considerable number of specimens has been received as donations, and of these many will form an acceptable addition even to the enlarged Cabinet. The Society cannot too often or too openly express its gratitude to those generous lovers of science, who have put themselves to the trouble and expense of collecting objects of art or of natural history, with the view of presenting them as donations to the Society; and not less is due to several individuals, unconnected with this city, who have, notwithstanding, from an earnest wish to assist the cause of science, made donations of value. The Council believes that it will not be supposed to go beyond the wishes of the Society, when, in its name, it tenders its grateful thanks to