

MUSEUM.

The increase in the Museum during the period under Report has been very considerable,—such indeed as to surprise the most zealous friends of the Society.

This increase has not, however, extended equally to all the Cabinets—nor was such to be expected.

The public spirit of individuals has, at almost every Meeting of the Society, loaded our tables with donations of various value ; some of great local—others of general and permanent interest.

Thus we have had large additions to our coins—modern ones indeed generally—but many of these will in the lapse of time acquire a much greater value than they possess at present.

In one, and that the most important branch of numismatics, we are yet greatly deficient—in those unrivalled specimens of Grecian and Roman art, which abound in the cabinets of Europe.

Perhaps it is scarcely to be expected that in this remote portion of the world, objects of such extensive and keen collection elsewhere, should yet reach us ; but it is to be hoped that the friends of the Society will in time leave us but little to complain of from deficiencies in this branch of art ;—It is particularly desirable to form such a collection where a love of classical literature is yet to be roused ; and where the necessity for every means of illustrating it is consequently great.

Many fine Geological and Mineralogical specimens have been added to the collections already in the Society's possession, and as appears from the Report of Curator of the Museum, we are not without hopes of receiving additions to them from other parts of the world.

But it is in the Zoological branch of Natural History, and ornithology, that we have most reason to pride ourselves