

The Council have great pleasure in announcing that there has been a large increase in the number of members—*eighteen* corresponding and *thirty* ordinary members having been elected during the past year. It is with regret that they are called upon to record the loss, by removal to Toronto, of Dr. Workman. His departure from the city has deprived the Council of a painstaking treasurer and a most efficient member, and the Society of one of its oldest and firmest supporters. They beg also to note that the services of Dr. Wright, Curator for a period of three years, in arranging the Museum and the Library, are worthy of the thanks of the Society.

The title of honorary member has been conferred upon the Lord Bishop of Montreal, Sir Wm. Logan, Knt., LL.D., F.R.S., F.G.S., Charles Smallwood, Esq., M.D., LL.D., F.M.S. &c. &c., Professor Mitchell, of Cincinnati, Professor Hall, Albany, Professor Dunglison, Philadelphia.

The course of lectures annually delivered under the auspices of the Society commenced on the 22nd January, and were remarkably well attended by the public generally.

The Introductory Lecture was delivered by Principal Dawson.

2nd Lecture—Thursday, 29th Jan.—by E. Billings, Esq. Subject:

“The Geology of the Ottawa Region.”

3rd Lecture—Thursday, 5th Feb.—By T. S. Hunt, Esq. Subject:

“Natural History of the Alkalies.”

4th Lecture—Thursday, 12th Feb.—By Rev. A. DeSola. Subject:

Scripture Zoology.”

5th Lecture—Thursday, 19th March.—By Jas. Barnston, M. D.

Subject.—“General view of Vegetable Life.”

6th Lecture—J. P. Dutton, Esq. Subject: “Balæus Mysticus.”

The Council feel greatly indebted to those gentlemen for their valuable services on those occasions, and congratulate the Society on the interest taken in the lectures by the public. They hope that the next Course may be on a larger scale, held in a more convenient room, and attended by a still larger number of persons.

The Council regret that from various reasons they have not been able to carry out so fully as they could have wished the recommendation of their predecessors, to obtain the reading and