

Several necessary improvements have been effected, a new furnace having been put in, double windows obtained for the Lecture room, and the drainage attended to—But there are others equally needed to which your Council beg to draw your attention. Foremost among these are the thorough cleaning which the staircase and the museum flat require and new additional cases for the Museum.

The rooms of the Society have been let for eighty days during the past year to the Ladies' Educational Association for which the Society have received \$120 exclusive of attendance. A special tariff has lately been adopted by your Council for the hire of the rooms, it being so arranged that the rate shall vary according to the season and according to whether light or fuel is supplied or not. The Recording Secretary has been authorized to have cards printed explaining this tariff, and to have these put up in various parts of the building.

It is with much regret your Council has to report that during the past year only 14 new members have been elected. Special efforts should be made to increase the list of members during the coming session. The Library and Membership Committee, appointed some years ago, have so far apparently taken no action in the matter.

There have been about one thousand or more visitors to the Museum during the past year, a circumstance which it is thought is very encouraging.

The debt on the building has been reduced by \$1000, as was stated to be the intention of the Treasurer at the last annual meeting. The donations to the Library and Museum have not been as liberal as heretofore.

This Spring, on the occasion of the Governor-General's visit to this city, an address was presented, to which a reply was forwarded by His Excellency, who has kindly consented to be its Patron.

Arrangements have been made with Messrs. Dawson Brothers, and approved by the Society, whereby Dr. Harrington undertakes to edit the 'Canadian Naturalist.' Under the new arrangement a copy will be supplied to each member gratuitously.

Your Council report that Messrs. Dawson Bros.' account of \$653.92 is in a fair way of being reduced by special donations and by the collection of outstanding subscriptions to the journal.

That extra exertions should be used to get more Lady Asso-