

III.—PURCHASES.

Life of Sir William Logan, by Harrington.

The Canadian Naturalist and Geologist. Vols. 1, 5 and 7 to complete sets.

The Journal of Speculative Philosophy, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Vol. 10 ; No. 3, Vol. 11 ; Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Vol. 12 ; No. 1, Vol. 13 ; No. 3, Vol. 14.

The Bystander, Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

The American Journal of Science ; 31 numbers to complete set.

And the various Periodicals mentioned in the last Annual Report, from April to November, 1883.

The President then delivered his Inaugural Address on

COMPLEXION, CLIMATE AND RACE.

MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

I appear before you this evening to read the introductory paper of the session, but before doing so I wish to express my sense of the honour which my fellow members have conferred upon me by electing me a second time to the high office of President of the Canadian Institute. I wish likewise to acknowledge the heartiness of the aid and support which they gave to the Institute during last session, and to express the hope that the same unselfish and disinterested feelings which have hitherto prompted them to encourage what is done here for the advancement of science and the diffusion of knowledge may continue to operate in their breasts. The increase in membership, and the general success of the Institute during last winter, give rise in my mind, to good auguries for its prosperity during the session which commences to-night. Though the Council was unable during last session to accomplish everything that could have been wished, I think all will agree that it effected a great deal ; and I confidently anticipate that much of the work which is not yet finished will be overtaken before next May. The labour of putting our library and collections in order has proved much more serious than was anticipated, but a very large part of the work has been done, and our active and efficient Assistant-Secretary, Mr. Young, has already put them so far into shape, that he is now in a position to say what we do, and do not possess, in most departments. I may add that the number of periodicals which we take, and that of societies with which we exchange publications have been considerably increased, and that, in