

Society believes, that, it is in this department, it will receive the most frequent donations; promises, indeed, have been made by several gentlemen, correspondents of the Society, who from their residence and other facilities have much in their power. Another obvious cause for anticipated greater increase in this department, is that Minerals require no other trouble but that of collection, are easily transported without risk of injury,—advantages enjoyed by no other objects of Natural History.

In the Fourth department, a great number of objects has been collected which would not be easy correctly to specify, or enumerate. Among them are various Indian curiosities, such as dresses, weapons, instruments, &c., also articles of dress from various countries—articles of interest, from their antiquity, or from their associations with great men, or great events—and finally *lusus naturæ*. In this department, the present confined state of the room will not allow of any other arrangement, but that of convenience, and consequently, though numerous, these objects do not appear to advantage. The total number of articles in this department amount to 40.

The Committee proceeds next to detail the state of the Library. It is a standing rule of the Society to allow no books to be purchased, but those treating of some subject, connected with science, or the arts.—They do not, however, exclude from their Library, works on general literature, provided they are offered as donations. The number of volumes which the Library contains must of course be small. There have been obtained by purchase 23 volumes, and by donation 49, making in all 72 volumes. The Society is in daily expectation of receiving by arrivals from Europe, a further addition of the most necessary works on the different departments of science.

The Committee has now to notice those other matters which concern the interests of the Society, and which have not hitherto been touched upon. The number of ordinary members who contribute to the funds amount to 90, and 18 Honorary, and 32 corresponding members, grace the Society's list. Among them are many of the most eminent men in Britain and the United States. With a view to secure the assistance of persons resident in the interior, a Committee was appointed, to which was transferred all the duties connected with the Indian countries. From this Committee, the Society will receive a report. Feeling the necessity of order and regularity in the conduct of the Society, a Committee was early appointed to revise the regulations then in force, and to frame a code for the government of the members. This duty has been performed in a proper manner, and the Society now enjoys the result of their labours in the printed laws in the hands of their members. With a view also, to bind closer the ties of fellowship, it was thought right to procure an engraved Diploma, by possessing which the Members would feel more strongly engaged in promo-