

new Council in procuring more subscribers, as with the present number the publishers feel their inadequacy to issue it as formerly—once every two months. Four numbers of Volume III. are printed, and the fifth, bearing date June, is in the press. Mr. Watt, of the editing committee, suggests if the Council, by personal canvass, could procure seventy or eighty new subscribers, the journal would go on as formerly.

The annual *Conversazione* was held on the 24th February, and passed off in a very creditable manner. Microscopes were exhibited, with microscopical preparations, by Dr. Edwards, also by Messrs. Ferrier, J. P. Clark, Muir, Baillie, and Ritchie. McGill College contributed philosophical instruments, under the superintendence of Professor Johnson and Dr. Smallwood. Dr. Edwards also exhibited the opaque lantern and dissolving view apparatus, likewise electrical tubes. The music was furnished by the choir of St. John the Evangelist's Church, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Norman, and Mr. Meyerhoffer kindly officiated as pianist on the occasion, which contributed very much to the success of the entertainment. Objects of interest in the fine arts were also contributed by friends of the Society. The President Rev. Dr. DeSola, and Principal Dawson, favoured us with addresses, making our last *Conversazione* one of the most successful yet held.

The next point we would touch on is the improvements in the Museum. New cases have been furnished for both sides, which will be noticed in the report of the curator, Mr. Whiteaves. The thanks of the Society are due to him for his zeal and labours in its interest. The subject of ventilation in regard to the Lecture Room has been reported on, and we would recommend this circumstance to the consideration of the new Council.

We are also indebted to the untiring zeal of our Treasurer, Jas. Ferrier, jr., Esq., for the trouble he has always taken in the management of the financial matters of the Society.

The thanks of the Society are also due to Mr. Wm. Hunter for his efforts in its behalf; and for the many valuable contributions of birds and other specimens to the Museum.

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