

Mr Muir then presented the

REPORT OF THE CABINET KEEPER AND OF THE LIBRARY
COMMITTEE.

This report may be arranged under three divisions.

- 1.—Work on the Building.
- 2.—Work in the Museum.
- 3.—Report of Library Committee.

1st. Work on the Building.—On the left hand side of the entrance hall, a convenient store-room has been added, the ceiling of which gives a floor suitable for the accommodation of several specimens formerly in the Museum. The side entrance has been enclosed by a ceiling and partition, forming an inside porch, adding greatly to the comfort of the place in winter; and the head of the rear stairway leading up to the gallery has been floored over, increasing the accommodation offered by the gallery. Eleven windows have been put in on three sides of the gallery, giving increased cheerfulness and light; curtains have also been placed on the sky-lights. The large wall cases, twenty-seven in number, have been cleaned and painted, the shelves made narrower and better adapted to show the specimens thereon. The north and south sides of the gallery fronts have been raised, levelled and supported. The benches in the Lecture Hall have been repaired and strengthened by bolts.

2nd. Work in the Museum.—The whole of the birds, (1194 in all), the mammals, reptiles and fishes have been thoroughly dusted and cleaned; the birds have been re-mounted on handsome black walnut stands and painted blocks and the old soiled labels replaced by new ones; the fishes have been removed to the aquarium room, and the mammals re-arranged and put in the space thus left vacant. The whale, two of the alligators, and the large seal have been removed to the floor covering the store-room to the left of the main entrance hall, and the floor cases, formerly in the aquarium room, have been brought into the main room. Mr. John S. Brown having offered to stock and take charge of the aquaria for the Society, two aquaria loaned by Messrs. Wm. Muir and Jas. Ferrier, jr., together with those belonging to the Society, have been placed in position, and it is hoped that before the season is over a good representation in this department will be one of the attractions of the Museum. Mr.

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