

The approbation of our endeavors marked by the Legislature in continuing to us the annual grant of £50, calls for our warmest and most grateful acknowledgements. The greater part of this sum has been laid out in purchasing for the Library valuable works on Science and Literature, which could not be readily found in other collections. Among these a complete set of the Transactions of the Society of Arts in London, has been procured, a work containing a great variety of useful matter. The purchase of it was suggested, in consequence of a reference to some of its volumes being necessary for information concerning the culture of Mountain Rice, which was undertaken by the Society at the request of His Excellency Sir John Colborne. A complete copy of the Journals of the House of Assembly, presented by W. B. Lindsay, Esq., forms another valuable addition to our Library. These, and various other works, obtained by purchase, or as presents, required new book cases to receive them. A set has therefore been prepared, and is large enough to receive any further additions that are likely to be made to the Library for some time to come.

The Council has the pleasure of announcing to the Society the arrival of the valuable collection of shells, the present of the Earl of Gosford, noticed in the report of last year. They are now arranged, after La Marck's classification, in handsome cabinets prepared for the purpose; and, according to the intention of the noble donor, will serve as a basis to which the shells already in our possession, and any donations we may receive in future, can be advantageously joined. Several other donations have been made to the Museum, which have been announced in the reports of the meetings; among these a valuable collection of shells from the Irish coast, and some geological specimens from Samuel Wright, Esq. of Cork.

One donation, however, calls for special notice—the portrait of the founder of the Society, elegantly framed—presented by his son, the present Earl of Dalhousie. The print of Lord Dalhousie, purchased last year, has been removed to make place for this more valued one, which now forms a principal ornament of our rooms.