

During the past year, several interesting and scientific papers on various subjects, have been read; the titles of which may be enumerated here:—

Notes on the Labrador Coast, by Mr. Robertson, a gentleman who resided many years in that country.

On the Natural History of the American Bear, and on the causes of disease among Emigrants coming to this country; by Dr. G. M. Douglas.

On the importance of a general system of Education in Canada, and some observations on the discriminating power of the human ear; by Dr. Wilkie.

On an Epidemic Disease in this country, eighty years ago; by the Honble A. W. Cochran.

Notices on the Natural History of the *Minobranthus Lateralis*; by the President.

Notes on the History of Alchymy; by Mr. Fletcher.

And an Analysis of the Water of the Georgian Spring on the Ottawa; by Dr. Archd. Hall.

Considering the accumulation of Literary and Scientific Papers now in possession of the Society, of which the above form but a small part, the Council has judged it expedient to begin the publication of a new volume of Transactions: in this intention a committee of members has been named to make a selection of Papers, and to procure their printing and publication on terms the least onerous to the Society.

Lately, Mr. S. Phillips has volunteered to give a course of Lectures in these rooms, open to the Public, on several branches of Natural Philosophy. No doubt these Lectures will contribute to the intellectual improvement of many who can spare an hour from the usual entertainments of the season.

The Librarian reports an addition to the Library of 78 volumes and pamphlets, mostly by donation, this year. And it