

the names of the gentlemen who read them, have been already referred to in the summary of proceedings of meetings.

Arrangements have also been made within the past year to have the rooms of the Society open to members and their friends, and teachers in the public schools, on the evening of the third Tuesday in each month, and on these occasions informal addresses upon elementary scientific subjects will be delivered.

In March the Society held a *Conversazione* in the Museum, Library, etc., of the Mechanics' Institute. It was well attended, and was successful in every respect.

A field meeting was also held at Torryburn on the afternoon of June 25th. The results of the scientific work done on that occasion were laid before the Society at the regular July meeting.

In May last the City Corporation kindly placed at the disposal of the Society rooms on the third floor of the Market Building. One of these rooms is now used for the meetings; another is occupied as a work-room; and it has been determined during the ensuing year to fit up a third with cases for the preservation and display of the interesting collection of native birds which, through the indefatigable labors of Mr. CHAMBERLAIN and other members of the Ornithological Committee of this Society, has been added to the Museum during the past summer. The cost of these cases is estimated at nearly four hundred dollars; and an appeal will be made to the friends of the Society and the public for aid in carrying out this object. Your Council has much pleasure in stating that already several of the leading citizens of Saint John have made handsome contributions to the Society.

The Treasurer reports that the expenditure has been within the income during the past year, notwithstanding the fact that extra expenses had to be incurred in fitting up the rooms, etc.

The Librarian reports the purchase of an additional book-case during the year, and the receipt of a number of books, pamphlets, maps, charts, etc., donated to the Society, as well as several acquired by purchase. These will be found catalogued elsewhere in this Report.

The Corresponding Secretary reports that to several of the corresponding members the Society is indebted for contributions, viz: to Dr. G. M. DUNCAN, of Bathurst, for an interesting paper

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