

## REPTILES AND FISHES.

Thirteen species of reptiles and three of fishes have been added during the past session. The space allotted to this part of the collection is altogether insufficient to exhibit even the whole of our present series. It is for this reason that we have not done anything towards completing our series of Canadian fishes, as at present we have nowhere to put them.

There are quite a number of reptiles and fishes in alcohol, which we are unable to exhibit from want of the proper bottles, and of suitable cases. The same reason has prevented the forming of a collection of the smaller and more critical Canadian fishes.

## INVERTEBRATA.

In the kingdom mollusca rather over 100 species have been added. Large series of Canadian insects have been received from Sir W. E. Logan, Mr. Billings, Mr. Ritchie, and Mr. Barnston. Over 500 species have been added, but many of these are duplicate specimens. Finally, five species of echinodermata, two of crustaceans, three cirrhipedes, two corals, and several sponges have been received.

## GEOLOGY.

About 260 species of fossils, mostly from European formations, have been obtained. This has necessitated the re-grouping of the whole collection, which has been done, and the additions mounted, named, and incorporated with the general series. A few new minerals have also been received.

## MISCELLANEA.

Several donations have been made to the ethnological and miscellaneous collections, but none of very special interest.

## LIBRARY.

During the past year no new books have been purchased, and we still have to regret the absence of works of reference of recent date in every department of American natural history. Still, some improvements have been made in the library. By special