

## CONVERSAZIONE.

The Annual Conversazione of the Society was held on the evening of February 21st, and was unusually successful, upwards of 400 persons being present.

Messrs. F. Cundill, A. S. Ritchie, Jas. Ferrier, Jun., Thos. Rimmer, D. R. McCord, and Principal Dawson, kindly contributed and exhibited microscopes and microscopical preparations. Principal Dawson exhibited De La Rue's photographs of the moon and many examples of Eozoon Canadense. Mr. D. R. McCord contributed his fine collection of Canadian ferns, and Mr. R. J. Fowler, a very meritorious series of drawings of Canadian fishes. Mr. J. F. Whiteaves exhibited a collection of the eggs of North American birds, and many rare and interesting exotic shells. Experiments shewing the rotation of the earth on its axis were conducted and explained by Dr. Smallwood. Illustrations were given of the working of the Electric Telegraph, and of the Montreal Fire Alarm Telegraph. The band of the 63rd regiment was in attendance, by permission of the commanding officer, Col. Carter. During the evening an address was delivered by the President, Principal Dawson. Notwithstanding the low charges for admission, the sum of \$66.05 was realized, after paying the necessary expenses.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

It is a matter of congratulation that we have secured the services of Mr. Whiteaves for two years longer, commencing from the first of April, 1865, at a salary of \$400 per annum; and for this sum he undertakes to edit the Naturalist, if necessary, to conduct the correspondence, and to act as sub-Librarian.

An alteration was made in September, as to the place where the ordinary meetings are held, and they have been transferred from the library, which was too small, to the lecture room; and your Council congratulate you that the accommodation is sufficient not only for the ordinary members, but for their friends, who are at all times invited to attend.

Mr. Whiteaves will give, in his capacity of curator and sub-librarian, an account of the alterations in and additions to the museum and library. Your Council respectfully urge upon their successors the desirability of adding to our members as far as pos-