

settlement in this city of Mr. William Cooper, from Upper Canada, an *emeritus* Corresponding Member of the Society of several years' standing, and a celebrated practical Naturalist, might be regarded as affording a favorable opportunity of setting about this undertaking in an effective manner.

The specimens of Natural History, and various curiosities saved from the fatal conflagration, together with the handsome cabinet of Italian minerals, &c., recently presented to the Society by Henry Atkinson, Esq., would form a very respectable nucleus. The main object necessary is to secure suitable apartments.

Stated Evening Meetings for the reading of papers on scientific and literary topics have been resumed this season ; and several interesting subjects have already been brought forward and discussed at these social re-unions.

The admission of ladies, and the introduction of Coffee after the reading of the papers, have imparted a novel and agreeable feature to the stated periodical meetings ; and occasionally lively discussions have been got up on the subjects more immediately submitted by the lecturers to the attention of members present. The Council considers that the public-usefulness of the Society might be much extended in this way ; and that with more capacious rooms a series of sectional, instructive and interesting reunions might be afforded by the Society to a wider extended portion of the respectable classes in Quebec. The rooms have been well lighted and comfortably heated at the evening meetings ; and, on more than one occasion, between thirty and forty visitors have been present.

Among the papers read at the recommencement of the Stated Meetings, one by Mr. Sturton, Associate Member, on "The Polarity of Matter," another by Lieut. Ashe, R. N.,