

there have been no means of keeping up that due regularity, arrangement and attention, which are necessary ingredients in conducting such an institution. The Cabinet must have suffered in the eyes of visitors, because from the impossibility of avoiding the crowding together of a great number of objects, and the consequent difficulty of any thing like a classification, unfavourable impressions might have been taken up regarding the care and attention bestowed upon the Society's duties. The Council is happy to be able to express its hope that this objection will not in future exist, it having, with the Society's approbation, procured much more extensive rooms, and in a more eligible situation. The house, rented by the Society from the Medical Faculty of M'Gill College, will be amply sufficient to contain, and display to advantage, the large collection belonging to the Society, but the repairs and fitting up, preliminary to the change of situation, will not be completed before the anniversary meeting. The task, therefore, of superintending the arrangements rendered necessary by this change will fall to the part of the Council, to be elected for the ensuing year; though the principal labour will devolve upon the Committees which have been specially deputed to arrange certain departments, it being included in their duties, that they should superintend the removal and arrangement of the articles specially intrusted to them.

The Council would be desirous of following the mode adopted in former Reports, that of stating specifically the increase in each department of the Cabinet, but the reasons already alluded to will, it hopes, prove a sufficient apology for omitting an enumeration which would be of little utility, in consequence of the new arrangements of the objects, and the rejections that must necessarily arise of many of those now contained in the catalogues.