

In consequence of Mr. Ferrier's time being so much preoccupied, Mr. E. E. Shelton has kindly acted as Assistant-Treasurer.

The Ladies' Educational Association have, as on two previous Sessions, used the rooms for their lectures, but do not intend to continue doing so: they complain of insufficient heating and defective ventilation.

The Somerville Course of Lectures has been duly delivered to good audiences; the titles of the lectures, with the names of their authors, will be found in the proceedings of the Society.

No conversazione or field day have been held during the past Session, but your Council is of opinion that it is desirable to hold one or two field meetings before the first of July.

The following report was then read by Mr. J. F. Whiteaves:

REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC CURATOR AND RECORDING
SECRETARY.

The work done during the past session is very similar in character to that of the two previous years. Shortly after the last annual meeting, as soon as the necessary preparations were made, nine weeks were spent in active dredging operations in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. As the Schooner was employed exclusively for this particular service during that time, the number of specimens collected was far greater than on any previous occasion.

These, together with undetermined specimens remaining over from collections made in former years, have been as carefully studied as the time at my disposal would permit.

The Foraminifera have not been examined much in detail, as it has been found that on the whole they do not yield a return in the shape of new discoveries, at all commensurate with the time spent upon them. Only one form new to the St. Lawrence has been noticed so far.

Much more attention has been devoted to the Sponges. Of the 40 or 50 Canadian species represented in Montreal cabinets, the generic and specific names of about 15 have been ascertained with tolerable certainty. Although this number may seem small, it may be mentioned that many of those that are undetermined are probably new to Science, and in Principal Dawson's Handbook of Geology, published in 1869, only three are enumer-