

to the cause of historical research, and to have fulfilled, so far, one of the designs which by their title and their constitution they are bound to promote.

In the accomplishment of these and other objects of the Society, the Council feel how much its exertions are limited by the insufficiency of its funds ; but they are happy to be enabled to congratulate the Society on a more favourable condition of its resources than at the close of last year ; at that time the former Council had to report the Society as indebted to the Treasurer in the sum of £47. By the collection of arrears then outstanding, by an increase in the number of members during this year, and by the receipt of a sum of £50 granted by the munificence of the legislature at its last Session, without any special application from the Society, the debt to the Treasurer has been paid off, and there remains a balance in his hands, which with the incoming subscriptions, the Council trust, will enable their successors to meet the expenses of the year. The additions by donations to the Library and Museum since the last report, have been fewer than in some former years. The continuations of the different series of periodical works have been obtained, upwards of 100 volumes altogether, have been added to the Library during the year by purchase and donation, besides a considerable number of Reports of Parliamentary Committees, procured for the Society by the kind attention of Mr. Walcott, formerly Secretary to the Earl of Gosford in this province ; and two considerable collections of geological specimens, and of organic remains and minerals, found within the province, have been presented to the Museum. Several new and valuable ornithological specimens have also been added to the Museum, prepared by the Assistant Secretary, and either purchased by the Council or presented by him to the Society. A new catalogue of the Library has been undertaken by the present Librarian, and a continuation of that of the Museum so carefully and ably made by the Revd. H. D. Sewell some years ago, had been commenced by a member of the Society ; and the Council would recommend that these when completed should be published in the forthcoming volume of the Society's transactions. The Council have only to report the addition of 22 new Associate members to the Society, and of one Honorary and six Corresponding members, since