From the Author, per A. H. Armour, Esq.,:

"An Overland Journey round the World in the years 1841, and 1842," by Sir George Simpson.

From Phillips, Sampson & Co.:

"Prescott's Robertson's History of Charles V.," three volumes.

"Religious Truths, illustrated from Science," by E. Hitchcock, D.D., LL.D.

From John Head, Esq.:

" A large Stone Gouge."

The President's ANNUAL ADDRESS was delivered by the Hon. Chief Justice Draper, C.B.

The following Paper was then read:

1. By the Rev. Professor Hincks:

"On Cell Developement."

This communication, containing some strictures on a paper on the same subject read by Professor Bovell at the previous meeting, and Professor Bovell not being present, it was ordered to be transmitted to him for the purpose of affording him an opportunity of further discussing the subject.

FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING .- 17th January, 1857.

The Hon. Chief Justice DRAPER, C.B., President, in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were elected Members:

ROBERT P. CROOKS, Esq., Toronto.

T. C WALLBRIDGE, Esq., Belleville.

JAMES JOS. WOODHOUSE, Esq.,

WILLIAM ANDERSON, Esq., Toronto.

EDWARD HURD, Esq., Toronto.

AUGUSTUS HEWARD, Esq., Montreal.

EDWARD D. ASHE, Esq., R. N., F.R.A.S., Quebec.

JOHN CRICKMORE, Esq., Toronto.

WILLIAM HAMILTON, Esq., Toronto.

The following Papers were then read:

- 1. By Col. Baron de Rottenburg:
 - "Observations on the General Telescopic aspect of the Five Primary Planets, including the Planet Mercury."
- 2. By John Langton, Esq., M, A.:
 - "On a Small Wave hitherto undescribed."
- 8. By Prof. D. Wilson, LL.D.:
 - " On the Mediæval Pageant of the Dance of Death."

Professor Wilson called the attention of the Institute to the great loss sustained by the scientific world in the late painful death of the distinguished Geologist, Hugh Miller. He bore a gratifying testimony to the character and personal worth of the deceased Geologist, and to his earnest and self-sacrificing devotion to the science with which his name will ever be honorably associated, and in the too ardent pursuit of which his life has been made a sacrifice.