

Your curator is blameworthy for having failed upwards of a year ago to avail himself of your authority to visit one or more of the large American public collections for the purpose of learning what experience has taught in the management of these, and it should be the duty of the present official or his successor to take the earliest opportunity to compare the different methods employed at the Smithsonian Institution and the Peabody Museum in registering, numbering, classifying, cataloguing and otherwise recording accessions. Our own collection has now attained proportions so large that the very best, or, some good system should be adopted to avoid such future confusion as would render the specimens almost totally worthless for scientific purposes.

To Mr. Cyrenius Bearss; the brothers William and David Melville; Mr. Alex. Robertson of Madoc; Mr. Arthur Crawford of Tiny; Mr. H. F. Switzer of Midland City; Dr. T. A. Beeman of Bancroft; Ag-wah-setch (Francois Antoine) of Baptiste Lake; Mr. Wm. Michener of Humberstone; Mr. Chester Henderson of Southwold; Dr. McCallum of Dunnville; Dr. P. E. Jones of Hagersville; Mr. J. B. Freeman, M.P.P., of Simcoe*; Mr. A. E. Otway Page of Bertie; Mr. W. A. Reaveley, M.A., of Simcoe; Mr. Wm. Henderson of Toronto; Messrs Waters, Heath and Crouse of Brantford; Messrs. W. Ireland and J. W. Fitzgerald of Parry Sound and Rev. Mr. Gaviller of Parry Sound, we are especially indebted for many favors.

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