

The Recording Secretary reports as follows :—

During the year just closed twelve regular meetings of the Society have been held at which the papers mentioned in the preceding summary of meetings were read.

The following free elementary lectures on scientific subjects were delivered in the rooms of the Society :—

Jan'y 10.—Industrial Drawing, by Mr. G. Ernest Fairweather.

Feb'y 27.—Chemistry, Air and Water, Dr. Coleman.

March 21.—The Microscope, Dr. Allison.

April 18.—Birds and Nests, Mr. M. Chamberlain.

May 16.—Spring Plants, Mr. G. U. Hay.

Mr. Chamberlain has also, upon several occasions, addressed the children from some of the Public Schools in the Society's rooms, illustrating his remarks by specimens from the Ornithological collection.

A most successful Field Meeting was held by the Society, in connection with the Eclectic Reading Club, at Duck Cove, Lancaster, on June 24th, and a well-attended *Conversazione* was held in the Society's rooms on Thursday, 27th April.

#### LIBRARY.

The Librarian reports that there have been added to the Library thirty-one books and pamphlets during the past year ; and that the books have been catalogued and numbered.

#### FINANCE.

The Treasurer reports that the cash expenditure for the past year amounts to the sum of \$275.57. The income during the same time, from all sources, amounts to \$276.58 ; leaving a balance on hand of \$1.01.

The Council have much pleasure in stating that, since the last annual meeting, the cases for the collections of native birds, referred to in the last Annual Report, have been procured at a cost of \$400, and are now placed in the rooms of the Society. Part of the cost of these cases has been paid by subscriptions received from friends of the Society, whose names appear in the list of benefactors appended to this Report, and part has been paid out of the general fund of the Society ; but there is a balance remaining unpaid amounting to about \$120.00. In the early part of the year the lecture room,

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