

The expenses connected with the Lecture Course, the Museum, and the improvements of the Hall have prevented the Board from expending any large amount in the purchase of Books for the Library. It was, however, felt that it was absolutely necessary that something should be done for this important department, and, notwithstanding the difficulties indicated, 160 volumes have been added to the shelves since the last Annual Meeting. Of these, 99 volumes consist chiefly of books purchased to replace the works of popular authors which were lost or worn out; 61 volumes consist of Magazines for one year; while 1 volume, Sandford Fleming's Report of Canadian Pacific Railway 1877, was presented by J. W. Lawrence, Esquire. There has been expended upon the Library during the past year \$76.79 for books, and \$72.90 for binding. The Library, which now consists of 3702 volumes, has been re-catalogued.

The Reading Room is supplied with the same Magazines, Reviews, and Newspapers, as during the previous year, and continues to be a leading attractive feature of the Institute.

The Museum, with the exception of the department of Fossils, has been entirely re-arranged in a very satisfactory manner by Mr. W. F. Best. The Members are specially invited to inspect the work there, and examine for themselves the important alterations which have been made. It is anticipated that the arrangement of the Fossils will also soon be completed, and, when this is done, students in Natural Science will have greater facilities for perfecting their knowledge than have ever before been afforded in this City. The Board would state that some specimens are yet required to complete the Fauna of the Province, and that these and other objects of Natural Science, especially of a Provincial character, would be very gladly received from persons who desire to aid the Institute.

The regular Lecture Course consisted of the following:
1878.

- Nov. 25. Grand Musical and Literary Entertainment,—Miss Wiley, Miss Cayvan, Mr. Studley.
Dec. 2. Stuart Rogers, Esquire, Providence, R. I.,—"Dramatic Readings."

Dec. 9. Rev.

1879.

Jan'y 6. Prof.

" 13. Geo.

" 20. I. A.

" 27. J. L.

Feb'y 3. Dr.

" 10. W. I.

" 17. Rev.

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