

number of volumes taken out annually was only 65, and that even this small number had been reached was merely due to the year immediately preceding that calamity. Since we have been in our present apartments, upwards of 900 volumes have been taken out, and 84 of our members appear to be habitually making use of the Library in this way, besides many who resort to it to read.

The importance of forming a respectable collection of books at once, has caused the Council during this the first year of our renewed existence to devote almost all our expenditure to that purpose, and we have indeed drawn upon our funds to the extremest verge which prudence would sanction. We have however also made some commencement with a Museum, and during the ensuing year it may probably be advisable to pay more attention to that department and also to recommence the publication of historical documents.

Both in the Library and Museum we have been largely aided by the donations of individuals, and of public institutions, lists of which are appended to the Report of the Librarian and Curators.

The following is a list of the Papers read during the past year:—

1. A few thoughts on the Botanical Geography of Canada. By S. Sturton, Esq.
2. Extract from a paper on "the Graphical Delineation of Statistical Facts." The Grain Trade. (with a map). By Arthur Harvey, Esq., F. S. S.
3. Life and Health. By Dr. Selly.
4. The Marine Engine with recent improvements. By Lieut. Ashe. R. N.
5. Three weeks in the United States. By Rev. J. Douglas.