

ments of science to those which were before in the possession of the Society ; among these are a pair of globes 21 inches in diameter, a transit instrument, an electrical machine, a Chemical Cabinet, a magnetic apparatus, a solar microscope, an universal microscope, an air pump with a barometer gage, Leslie's experimental apparatus for freezing, with all the articles which usually accompany the instruments and apparatus which have been mentioned, and a variety of others which will be found particularly enumerated in the Appendix No. 1.

It is impossible to advert to this donation without the liveliest feeling of gratitude, it bespeaks the confidence of each branch of the Legislature, in the intentions and endeavours of this institution, and we cannot but express our hopes that it will animate the zeal and quicken the activity of every member, urging them to shew by future efforts that the confidence of the legislature is not misplaced, and that their disinterested donation is not unmerited.

We have to report as an object of primary importance, that no answer having been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, respecting the promised Charter for the incorporation of the Society, it was thought expedient in May last to transmit a duplicate of the charter, and of the letter formerly transmitted, of which a copy will be found in the appendix to this report under the number 2. And we beg leave to add that we have every reason to expect that the charter will be received in an early day.

We have further to report several additions to the Library, which have been effected in some instances by purchase, in most by donation. The whole are particularly enumerated in the appendix No. 3 ; and among them will be found a valuable folio volume of one hundred plates, exhibiting the costumes of the various inhabitants of the shores of the Mediterranean, presented by Madame Germain, of Quebec. We have further to report several additions to the Hortus siccus