

The printing of the Transactions is become a debt, for which we have to provide.

Under these circumstances the Council recommended that petitions should be presented to the three branches of the Legislature, for those aids which they formerly bestowed upon us ; but which have failed us in the last two years.

The Council retain a hope that the Society may receive a continuance of the same.

The necessity is urgent, for there can be no doubt but that, if this resource fail us, we shall be completely arrested in our progress ; though we may barely exist.

If granted, the funds bestowed will be, as it is hoped they have been, exclusively devoted to those objects for which the liberality of the Legislature was first exercised towards us.

It will become, the Council conceive, the paramount duty of their successors to relieve the Society from all outstanding claims ; and not until they are cancelled, to incur any expense whatever for any object, beyond that increase of the Museum which may be necessary to give employment to the Assistant Secretary ; so long as his services are retained.

ACTING RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

With reference to the Report of the Acting Recording Secretary, the Council would call attention to the difficulties he has experienced in drawing out an accurate list of the Members, and to the remedies he suggests.

The Council cannot but notice in an especial manner the valuable aid afforded to the Society by Mr. Augustus Sewell, in various respects.

BY-LAWS.

Some beneficial changes have taken place in the By-Laws during the first year ; beneficial, because they have given a character of increased liberality to the principles upon which the Society was established, and because they have, by extending the range of choice for the Officers of the Society,