

## REPORT OF CURATOR.

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In accordance with the usual custom, I beg to submit a short Report in reference to the Library and Museum. It is a matter of regret that during the past year nothing has been done to place the Library and Museum in a better condition than they formerly were. This has been owing to a difficulty in the practical organization of the Special Committees appointed to arrange the books in the Library and classify the objects of Natural History in the Museum. Your council of the past year have wisely adopted a much more satisfactory and efficient means of effecting so desirable an object, by securing the services of Mr. D'Urban for the ensuing year, who, besides undertaking to arrange the Museum, will take every opportunity of adding to its collections. He commenced his labours on the first of the present month, and his enthusiasm and ample practical knowledge of Natural History justifies the belief that he will prove of valuable service to the Society. It is intended that the arrangements in the Museum will be more or less completed previous to the session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science next August in this city.

The donations to the Library and Museum, though not very numerous, may be taken as a fair criterion of the interest exhibited by various individuals and institutions in the Society's welfare.

I herewith submit a list of the donations during the past year, and subscribe myself respectfully,

Your obedt. servt.

JAMES BARNSTON, M. D.

*Curator.*

Montreal, 18th May, 1857.