

again had been seriously damaged through being attached to the walls by large and unsightly nails which, in many cases, had been driven right through the objects. A complete re-organization of this department was found necessary. The specimens were accordingly carefully removed from the walls and laid aside, while the slats upon which they should have hung were repaired, painted and varnished. Small brass hooks have been placed at intervals along these slats and the specimens attached thereto by means of fine copper wire. The specimens were first thoroughly cleaned, then classified according to locality, and afterwards hung in their respective groups. Fresh labels have been written in bold, clear characters and affixed to the various objects, so that each tells its own short history in few words. The work of re-arranging this department has been both irksome and laborious, and occupied very considerable time. In this connection your Curator wishes to testify to the very great assistance rendered him by Mr. Shearer, Mr. Holden, and Mr. Martin' who, at considerable personal sacrifice, devoted between twenty and thirty evenings to this work during the winter, working on several occasions till after midnight. Indeed, had it not been for the untiring energy of these gentlemen much that has been accomplished would remain undone, and the thanks of this Society is certainly due to them for their zeal in these matters.

A large collection of war implements, mats, and other objects of interest from Samoa, presented to the Society some time since, but which had never been unpacked, are now labeled and placed in appropriate positions.

There has been a large increase of visitors to the Museum this year as compared with last, as the following figures show: last year there were admitted 451; this year, 1192.

The expenditure in connection with the various alterations, improvements and repairs referred to in this report has been met from a special fund provided for the purpose by a few friends, and this is probably the first year in the history of the Society in which the Treasurer has not been