FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING-16th January, 1858. The Hon. Chief Justice DRAPER, C.B., President, in the Chair.

I. The following Gentlemen were elected Members:

WILLIAM ANNIS, Esq., Toronto.

HENRY J. CAMBIE, Esq., M.A., Toronto.

II. The following donations for the Museum were announced, and the thanks of the Institute voted to the donor:

By J. F. Smith, Esq.:

Eighteen specimens of Shells and Fossils from the Chalk of Kent and Sussex, England.

III. Prof. Hind's notice of motion respecting the proposed alteration in the laws was taken up, when, in the absence of Prof. Hind, Prof. Wilson moved, seconded by A. E. Meredith, LL.D.: that in Rule 4th, Section IV, the following be substituted for the last clause, beginning "votes of country members," &c. "A printed list of members nominated for election as office-bearers, shall be forwarded by Post to country members, but no list shall be received by the Scrutineers, unless presented personally by the member desiring to vote."

After discussion of the question, Dr. Wilson withdrew his motion, in favor of the following motion, by E. W. Cumberland, Esq., seconded by P. Freeland, Esq., which was adopted:

"That the Constitution and Laws, so far as they refer to nomination and election of officers, be remitted to the Council for report of such alterations as they may deem expedient.

IV. The following Papers were read;

- 1. By Professor Chapman:
 - "On the assaying of Coals by the blow-pipe, with remarks on blow-pipe examinations in general."
- 2. By the Rev. Professor Hincks, F.L.S.:
 - "Notes respecting a collection of Mazatlan Shells recently acquired by the University of Toronto,"

FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING-23rd January, 1858.

The Hon. Chief Justice DRAPER, C.B., President, in the Chair.

I. The following Gentlemen were elected members:

Major R. LACHLAN, Cincinnati, Obio, Cor. member.

EDWARD C. JONES, Esq., Toronto.

A. B. Scott, Esq., Toronto.

MATHEW LOGAN, Esq., Toronto.

WALTER BEATY, Esq., Toronto.

Rev. J. G. ALRAHALL, M.A., Toronto.

CHARLES A. JONES, Esq., Weston.

A. CLIFFORD THOMPSON, Esq., Toronto. Junior members.

II. The following Papers were read:

- 1. By Professor Wilson, LL.D.:
 - "Note on the American Cranial Type."
- 2. By Professor Kingston, M.A.:
 - "The Annual Meteorological Report,"
- 3. By F. Assikinack, Esq. :
 - "On the manners and customs of the Odahwah Indians."