

which had hitherto been in much confusion, has likewise been revised and classified by the careful hands of Mr. D'Urban. In the department of Entomology many new species and some new genera have been added to the collection by the sub-curator; and the Council would specially note, in this connection, the valuable cases of classified British Lepidoptera which Mr. D'Urban has presented to the Society. This gift is of no small scientific value, pertaining as it does to a department in which the Museum was very defective. Mr. D'Urban having retired from the service of your Society, the Council cannot permit this opportunity to pass without stating their high estimate of the value of his laborious, zealous and efficient services, especially in preparing the Society's collections for the meeting of the "American Association," as well as for public exhibition and scientific use. The Council would recommend that some skilled naturalist be occasionally employed to overlook the collection, to attend to its preservation, and to add new specimens to the genera that are yet only partially or not at all represented in the Museum.

The contributions which have been sent to the Museum, and for which the thanks of the Society have been awarded to the donors, will be found in the Appendix to this report.

LIBRARY.

The Library Committee have reported to the Council that no great additions have been made to the Library during the past year. The 2 vols. of the "Contributions to the Natural History of the United States," by L. Agassiz, and "Blodgett's Climatology," have been purchased; and several books and papers of value presented to the Society, by Authors and Societies, a list of which will be found in the Appendix. The Committee have carefully classified the volumes, and labelled the departments, so that the works we possess may be readily referred to. There is no department of the Society's collection in which the Council feel so little satisfaction as that of the Library. Its progress has not at all kept pace with the advancement of knowledge. While it contains some ancient volumes of much value, and several modern works of scientific note, it is still extremely defective in books of recent publication, without which it is scarcely entitled to the name of a Scientific Library. The Council hope that means may ere long be found to supply this manifest defect, and to make your Library worthy of its name.