

During the Session now about to close your museum has received large additions both by purchase and donation. The specimens in the museum have been cleaned and remounted. This has added very materially to their appearance and value. Improvements have also been made in the building, and though much has been done, much yet remains to be done to carry out the proposed alterations and to make the building and its contents more worthy the objects for which they exist.

The land adjoining the building on the north side having passed out of the hands of the Royal Institution, and building thereon having been commenced, certain necessary expenses will in consequence fall on your Society. Arrangements have been made between your Society and the proprietor of the land adjoining your building to the north, to cede to him the few inches of land lying between your property and his, and for the sale of that portion of the north wall which he intends using and the land on which it rests. This will oblige your Society to alter the slope of the roof, to close three of the windows and to make other alterations; this arrangement has been made under your resolution approved of by your Council.

The usual free course of Somerville lectures was duly given to the number of six. Your Council recommends that the thanks of your Society be tendered and conveyed to the gentlemen who so kindly and ably gave their valuable time and labour in the preparation and delivery of these lectures, which, as proved by the large attendance, were well received and much appreciated. The lectures were as follows:

1881.

Feby. 3rd. On Mind in Nature. By Principal Dawson.

Feby. 10th. On Magnetism and Electricity as aids to Intelligence. By Dr. Barnes, Point St. Charles.

Feby. 24th. On Sugar and its Varieties. By Dr. J. Baker Edwards.

March 3rd. On the Brain as a thinking organ. By Dr. Osler.

March 10th. On Tobacco and its effects on the Brain, the Nervous System and organs of Vision. By Dr. Buller.

March 13th. On the Whence and Whither of a Sunbeam. By H. Sugden Evans, Esq., F.C.S.