

On the 2nd February, an address was presented at the Court House, to the Governor General, Sir J. Young, who accepted the same with cordiality, and expressed his willingness to lend his aid to the Society, by becoming its Patron. The following day His Excellency visited the Museum, and was received by the Officers of the Society. He carefully examined the collections, and expressed his pleasure and interest therein.

We are indebted to the exertions of our esteemed Scientific Curator, Mr. Whiteaves, for very valuable additions to our Museum, partly presented and partly purchased, which will be enumerated in his report. These add greatly to the attractive character of the collection.

The membership of the Society during the year has somewhat diminished. The additions have been 14—losses 17; other sources of income are below the average; and in consideration of the loss of income by the presentation of Life membership to subscribers towards the debt, it becomes the duty of the friends of the Society to seek further additions to its ranks, and your Council would recommend an active canvass for new members and for subscribers to the *Quarterly Journal*, during the coming year. To the active officers of the Society, especially our industrious Curator, Mr. Whiteaves, our skilful bird-stuffer, Mr. Hunter, and our indefatigable Treasurer, James Ferrier, jun., Esq., the Society owes its best thanks for steady and hearty co-operation.

The Council have much pleasure in recommending to the Society that the silver Medal be presented to Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, F.R.S., for his valuable contributions to Science, in connection with the Geological Survey, and in the advancement of Chemical Geology in Canada.

The ventilation and lighting of the Lecture Room received the attention of your Council in the early part of the session, and some improvements in the admission of air were effected; it was found, however, absolutely necessary to provide means for carrying off the products of combustion, and by the kind assistance of Mr. M. H. Sanborn, the necessary amount was raised by voluntary

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