

branch of knowledge, by the access which would thus be given to its public exhibition, under proper regulations for its security

The Society will remark that the Librarian reports that losses have been sustained from irregularities in the mode of taking out books ; in as much as receipts for them are nor left with the Assistant Secretary, and the removal of the books is not noticed in the proper catalogue.

Another cause of loss to the Library arises from their not being returned at the periods pointed out by B. L. 60.

It will be necessary to enforce the penalties enjoined by the laws—but it will be of more avail if all Members requiring books, enforced upon themselves a rigid adherence to the laws regulating the Library.

FINANCE.

Although the increase in our Ordinary and Associate Members gives a full assurance of the augmented interest taken in the Society, and thus also increases its permanent income ; it cannot be concealed that we are suffering most painfully from the want of funds, even for the necessary movements of the Society ; and had it not been for the public spirit of our Treasurer, Mr. R. Symes, who has at times advanced aid from his private resources, the Society would have been reduced to great straits—even as it is we have been distressingly cramped in our operations, and have been compelled to forego very desirable additions to our collections.

With diminished means we have been called upon to incur increased expenses, and that unavoidably.

Thus the removal of the Society from the apartment they previously occupied, obliged us to incur a considerable expense, which was increased by the necessity for fitting up large cases for the preservation of our Zoological specimens.