

BULLETIN  
OF THE  
NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
OF  
NEW BRUNSWICK.

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ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

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“The thing that hath been it is that which shall be.”  
There is no new thing under the sun. In the infinity of differences there is after all an infinity of similarities.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick has passed, and the history of our society does not differ from that of similar institutions. Its experience has been like that of others the world over.

The law of progression is not always one continuous advance. Night and day alternate in all things. Individuals, communities, cities, peoples and nations have their ebb and flow, and why not societies? And such has been the experience of the New Brunswick Natural History Society of this city.

January 29th, 1862, a meeting was held in the Mechanics' Institute for the purpose of forming a society for the cultivation of natural science. Forty-two persons were present. Of that number seven remain upon our roll of membership. Of the others, twelve have died and twenty-three have withdrawn.