

Medallions of distinguished Frenchmen. It is to be regretted, that no addition has been made to our Botanical collections, and none of any value to our collection of Coins. Attention is recommended to a suggestion in the Curator's Report both of last year and of this, of the means by which, at a very small expense, large additions might be made by individuals to our Zoological specimens.

No addition has been made to the Apparatus, during the year, besides the valuable Orrery, presented to the Society by Lord AYLMER, its former Patron. But though no other addition than this has actually been made to the Apparatus, yet a very important improvement has been effected in it, by fitting up the solar microscope, which has been accomplished by the laudable exertions of the present Curator. It is to be regretted that the interest of the microscopic objects in the Society's possession, is much impaired by the want of a proper list and description of them. The instrument, however, is now ready for the examination of any minute objects which it may be desirable to inspect with the aid of its powerful magnifiers. The advantages to be derived from the use of the Orrery, are amply detailed in the elaborate report of the Curator, now on the Table, whose remarks on the further improvements that seem necessary to be made in our Meteorological, Chemical, and Astronomical Apparatus, in order to employ them with advantage, justly merit attention.

Some additions have been made to the Library by purchase, but their amount is not considerable. Some interesting donations, however, have been made to its contents. The first of these that deserves to be mentioned, is a present of ten volumes by the Honorable JOSIAH QUINCY, of Boston. Another donation of highly interesting works, was