

we lack means to extend our accommodation or even to utilize by new and improved cases the space that we have. With some changes of arrangement and additional cases, our present building might contain and exhibit the collections of the Society for several years to come; but it would require an annual sum of at least \$1,000 at the disposal of our curator, to provide for the necessary repairs, additions and extensions. Were the public sufficiently alive to the importance of the object, it should not be difficult to realize this amount either by annual subscriptions or by a permanent endowment. In any case we should be prepared to consider within a few years the necessity of enlarging our Museum.

Our Library has not kept pace with our Museum, and as it cannot in the nature of the case become a popular or general library, but must be mainly one for scientific reference and consultation, we are here again in a position which requires extraneous aid and endowments, or the contributions of a large number of members.

It seems evident, therefore, that if we are to emerge from the present slow and languid condition of our progress, we shall be obliged in the course of not many years to appeal to the liberality of the friends of science on a still larger scale than that which was necessary in the erection of our present building.

Our journal, the *Canadian Naturalist*, begins with this year the seventh volume of the new series—fourteen volumes in all having been issued. Its present volume is under the able editorship of Dr. Harrington; and our new arrangement with the publisher enables us to give the journal gratuitously to each of our members, a change which it is hoped will greatly increase their interest in the work of the Society. It is not saying too much to affirm that the *Naturalist* should be in every Canadian library. It is the only work that affords a complete view of what has been done in the Geology and Natural History of the Dominion during the past fifteen years; and in the case of all who wish to have means of reference with regard to the natural resources of our country, it must occupy a place side by side with the reports of the Geological Survey. That its list of subscribers is so small beyond the limits of the Society, is not creditable to the practical good sense of our people; since independently of other considerations there can be no question that the information which it annually contains would, in a practical point of view, many