

On the seventh of September last our Scientific Curator and Rec. Secretary, Mr. J. F. Whiteaves, who has held these offices for fourteen consecutive years, tendered his resignation of both, at a special meeting called for that purpose. Resolutions of thanks for his past services, coupled with congratulations on his new appointment and good wishes for his future scientific career, were passed at this meeting.

In consequence of Mr. Whiteaves' resignation, new arrangements were entered into with Mr. Passmore, who agreed to give his whole time to the work of the Society, and to issue circulars for meetings, &c., for which additional services his salary was raised from \$200 to \$400 per annum.

A Museum Committee was also appointed, consisting of seven gentlemen, whose duties were understood to be to superintend the classification and labelling of specimens in the departments of mineralogy, botany, conchology, entomology, ornithology, and archæology, and to report at stated intervals to the Council on the condition of these collections. The Committee has reported twice since its election, but your Council would suggest the desirability of the appointment of a competent scientific curator who could devote a definite portion of his time to work urgently needed both in the museum and library.

Your Council have to report that ten new ordinary members, two lady associates, and two new corresponding members have been elected during the year. They have, however, to regret the loss of Mr. E. Billings, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, and one of its oldest and most zealous members.

The papers read at the regular monthly meetings having been already referred to in the President's address, call for no special notice here.

The free course of Sommerville lectures has been delivered in due course, and the titles of these lectures, the dates at which they were delivered, and the names of the authors, will be found in their proper place in the Society's proceedings. On the nights when these lectures were delivered, the museum was lit up and thrown open free to the public, a privilege of which many availed themselves.

About 1200 persons have visited the museum during the past year, and a large number of these have been admitted free of charge.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Council for the