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REPORT.

In conformity with the instructions of the meeting on the 4th of January last, at which the Society was formed, the Council then appointed hereby report their proceedings since that time.

Having, through the kindness of the Governors of Dalhousie College procured the free use of rooms at the College, the Society opened its first session on Monday, the 21st of February, 1859, when a paper was read by Dr. Cogswell on the Kind of Education best adapted for Nova Scotia.

Meetings were held fortnightly thereafter till the beginning of May, at which the following papers were read:

March 7.—Notes on the Preservation of Timber Buildings from Fire.—By Lieut. Home, R. E.

March 21.—Decimal Currency.—By the Hon. W. A. Henry, M. P. P.

April 4.—The Fossiliferous Rocks of Arisaig, Sydney County.—By the Rev. D. Honeyman.

April 18.—Warming and Ventilation.—By W. S. Symonds, Esq.

May 2.—Certain new Minerals discovered in the Trap Formation, Bay of Fundy.—By Prof. How, King's College.

The advantages of Local Museums in Connection with Mineralogical Studies.—By H. Poole, Esq.

With a view of diffusing a knowledge of discoveries and improvements in Science and the Arts, the Council ordered the following periodicals for circulation amongst the members: