

REPORT OF THE CURATORS.

The Curators present the following statement of the Curator-in-charge, Prof. Angelo Heilprin, as their report for the year ending November 30 :—

The condition of the Academy's collections, although it cannot be stated to be absolutely satisfactory, is yet fairly good when compared to the condition of similar collections in this country, or even of those pertaining to foreign institutions. Much, however, remains to be done before either the interests of science or of general education will have been thoroughly satisfied, and until more efficient aid is added to the working power of the Academy, progress towards the obtaining of this satisfied condition must be necessarily slow. The great obstacle in the way of the systematic arrangement of the collections has thus far been, and still remains, want of space, a weighty obstacle which must ever remain as such until greater expansion will have been afforded in the construction of an extension to the present building.

The removal, at a very moderate expense, of the large central platform on the floor of the museum has permitted of a much more satisfactory arrangement of the extensive series of geological and palæontological specimens than has heretofore been possible, and has at the same time afforded room for the gathering together and proper exhibition of a special collection—namely, a collection illustrative of the natural products of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In this "local museum," as it may be termed, it is intended to illustrate by actual specimens (as far as is practicable) the entire domains of zoology, palæontology, geology and mineralogy, in so far as these departments are directly connected with the States above mentioned, and thereby very materially facilitate the means for self-instruction in natural history, and for making such immediate examinations and comparisons as may be variously demanded. Work in the arrangement of this collection has been progressing favorably, and it is hoped that the entire exhibition will be satisfactorily displayed in the early part of the coming year.

The most important addition made during the past year to the Academy's museum is the Vaux collection of minerals and archæological implements, to which reference is made in the report of

the special Curator appointed for those collections, Mr. J. Binder, by whom the specimens have been carefully arranged and classified. The other additions to the museum are recorded in the list of donations herewith appended, or are incorporated in the reports of the different sections.

The Academy has during the year benefited through the services of three Jessup Fund beneficiaries, Messrs. J. Wortman, A. F. Gentry, and S. F. Aaron, respectively in the departments of vertebrate palæontology, ornithology, and entomology, the first of whom has latterly resigned on receiving the appointment of assistant to the Curator-in-charge. An application for the filling of the present existing vacancy in the Jessup Fund is now in the hands of the Curators.

JOSEPH LEIDY,

Chairman of the Board of Curators.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOV. 30, 1883.

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To Balance from last account.....	\$ 991 1
" Initiation fees.....	170 00
" Contributions (semi-annual contributions).....	2000 58
" Life Memberships.....	500 00
" Admissions to Museum.....	457 17
" Sale of Guide to Museum.....	40 00
" Sale of duplicate books.....	3 53
" Sale of Proceedings, Journals, etc.....	430 91
" Fees, Lectures on Palæontology.....	136 00
" Fees, Lectures on Mineralogy.....	189 00
" Wilson Fund. Toward Salary of Librarian.....	300 00
" Interest on Money awaiting investment.....	722 17
" Interest on Deposits in Trust Companies.....	8 94
" Interest from Mortgage Investment, Joshua T. Jeanes' Legacy	1000 60
" Publication Fund. Interest on Investments.....	265 39
" Barton Fund. " " "	240 00
" Life Membership Fund. " " "	132 50
" Maintenance Fund. " " "	102 50
" Eckfeldt Fund. " " "	66 86
" Museum Fund. " " "	25 00
" Stott Legacy Fund. " " "	67 50
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