

It is known to most of the members of the Society here present, and the Council advert to the fact with much regret, that after various propositions on one side and on the other, no issue has as yet been attained. The general outline of the plan brought under the consideration of the Council early in February last, embraced a federal union or fusion of all the Societies ; but this being found encompassed with difficulties, meetings were held by delegates from the different Societies, by whom it was finally agreed as a basis of union that the Libraries, Museums and other property of each of the Societies should be collected into one building, which should contain a Lecture Room and Reading Room, furnished with the Literary, Scientific and Mechanical Periodicals of the United Kingdom, France and America, and open to Members and Subscribers. That each Society should still preserve its separate identity, funds and other property, and be governed by its own Charter, officers and rules. That the books of each Society should be circulated among its own members, only : but that the Library, Museum and apparatus of each should within the rooms occupied in common as a Library and Museum, be used by the members of the several Societies according to their own respective regulations.

That the Lecture and Reading Rooms should in like manner be open to the members of all the Societies, and the expense be borne in proportions to be thereafter agreed upon, and the management to be vested in a Sub-Committee formed by election from each body ;