

scription is necessary, in order to enable its Funds to bear their present and prospective expenditure. From a careful perusal of that document, your Council are impressed with a conviction, that it has become their duty also, strongly to recommend the increase of the Annual Subscription, as suggested by the Treasurer.

The Council have pleasure in announcing that the number of the Society's Members has been augmented by the addition of Lord Ellesmere, and Robert Stephenson, Esq., M.P., as Honorary Members; nine Corresponding Members; and twelve Ordinary Members.

Your Committee have, however, to regret the loss of two Ordinary Members by death; and three by resignation; leaving the number of paying members at present on the list, 139, being a nett increase of 10 members during the year.

The Lectures delivered during the Winter Session, have been generally well attended, and were the following:—

1. The Introductory Lecture, by the President—Rev. Dr. Leach. Subject:—Geology.
2. By Edwin C. Bockus, Esq. Subject:—The Scottish Rebellion, in 1845.
3. By Dr. Hingston. Subject:—Sound.
4. By Professor Andrew. Subject:—Writing: the origin, mode, and materials.
5. By the Rev. J. Cordner. Subject:—An Excursion on Mount Righi.
6. By J. T. Dutton, Esq. Subject:—The Aurora Borealis—its Phenomena—peculiar Meteorological Exhibitions—and probable Causes.
7. By T. S. Hunt, Esq. Subject:—The Physical History of the Races of Man.
8. By Dr. B. Workman. Subject:—The Geology of Montreal.
9. The Concluding Lecture—by A. N. Rennie, Esq. Subject:—The relation between Poetry and History.