

On the whole, it seems to the Council that the review of the events of the past year presents much that is encouraging. It was indeed ushered in with a heavy disaster, but the effects of that disaster have been more than atoned for, by the zeal and energy of the Society; and at the end of the year we find our finances in a flourishing condition, our numbers rapidly augmenting, our Transactions enriched by two parts, our communications increasing in number and importance, and our proceedings, for the first time for many years, published regularly, and in such a shape as to bring the Society most favorably before the public.

We think, therefore, we have much reason to congratulate the Society on the manner in which it has struggled through the trials and reverses of the past year. In truth those trials and reverses should not be regarded as subjects of unmixed regret, for doubtless to them is due, in a great degree, the unusual spirit and energy which has characterised the Society during the last twelve months.

*"Duris ut ilex tonsa bipennibus
Nigræ feraci frondis in Algido,
Per damna, per cœdes, ab ipso
Ducit opes, animumque ferro,"*

E. A. MEREDITH, L. L. B.
1st Vice President.

Quebec, January 10, 1855.