

periodical publications and open in the evenings, have drawn off members from attending the meetings of the Society. We are far from feeling any dissatisfaction at the success of the new Association, but we may be permitted to regret that it should diminish the zeal or the numbers of our members.

We have also to acknowledge that among the attending members there has been less exertion in the production of papers, only one having been read before the Society since the last Annual meeting ; and that one by our indefatigable fellow member the Revd. Dr. Wilkie, to whom the Society has been so often and so largely indebted before for valuable communications ; but there is reason to believe that several others would have been received if a fuller attendance of members could have been had to form the regular meetings.

The publication of another number of the 'Transactions of the Society which, in the last year's Report, was stated as being in progress, has not yet been completed, partly in consequence of no report being made by the classes on the papers from which it was proposed that a selection should be made ; and partly in consequence of the constant occupation of the leisure time of the members appointed in May last to make the selection, in the labours which have during the whole summer, and to the present moment, engaged the attention of so many of our citizens, in consequence of the disastrous fires which visited this city in May and June last.

In the Report of the proceedings of the Society for 1844, it was mentioned that an application had been made to the Legislature for a grant of money to enable