

for the publication of their proceedings. Upon being applied to for that purpose, the Editor of the *Journal* expressed, in the most liberal manner, his desire to meet the wishes of the Society, and offered to allow an account of our Proceedings to appear gratuitously in its columns. Since the commencement of the present Session our proceedings have accordingly been published in that Journal, the first publication being prefaced by a short sketch of the history and objects of the Society, furnished by the Council to the Editor of the Journal at the request of the latter. The Council trust that their successors will see the expediency of keeping up the system of publishing our proceedings on terms in every way so advantageous to the Society.

It is gratifying to be able to state that the Legislature has considerably augmented the amount of the annual grant to the Society, having raised it from £50 to £250. It must, however, be observed that as an indemnity for our losses occasioned by fire, this sum is altogether inadequate. We think, however, we should not regard it in that light; and we have little doubt that if the Society continue to act with the energy and zeal which has marked the present Session, and, above all, if we evidence our existence to the outer world by the publication of useful papers, we shall have little difficulty in obtaining an equally liberal, or even a more liberal grant from the Legislature at its next Session.

One of the most satisfactory proofs of the progress which the Society has already made in public estimation, will be found in the number of members who have during the year been added to its lists. We cannot now give the precise number, but we are sure that they form a very considerable portion of the Society; and we believe we may add that among the recent additions will be found some of our most zealous and useful members.