

With the exception of Mr. George Robertson, (who left the City in April last, and was succeeded in his office by his brother,) the same gentlemen have continued in their respective situations during the year, and it will be for you to evince by your votes in a few days, whether they have merited and secured your confidence. The President, however, you are aware, by his resignation at the last meeting, has declined re-election, but by your unanimous vote of thanks for his valuable services, the question of approval was determined, as far as he was concerned. At the same time with the officers were elected the three Committees necessary for carrying out the objects of the Society, viz. : The Council or Executive Committee, the "Questions" and the "Library" Committees. I trust that I shall not be overstepping my duty, when I express an opinion generally entertained in the Society, that these Committees have all lacked the essentials to their usefulness, viz., both industry and perseverance. The good that has been achieved, certainly cannot be traced to them, and experience has shown us the absolute necessity at the ensuing Election, of exercising our votes most cautiously for Committee-men for the next twelve months.

Very early in the year, the measure of printing a large number of copies of our Laws was adopted, and an immediate accession of Members was the result, a result which was still further contributed to by the opening of the new Club Room, on the 20th of May, since which period we have gone on increasing, and I now find, on reference to the Minute Book, that the Society possesses, three times the number of Members which it did at the beginning of the year. I fear however that the Treasurer will inform us that all the names are not "good" names, in other words, that after voluntarily entering our ranks, partaking of our exercises, and allowing us to incur liabilities in perfect faith in their integrity, some few are to be found, the credit side of whose accounts present but a barren aspect, and one which it is to be feared is little likely to improve. This evening will decide their fate—and the Roll will be purged of such

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