

No addition has been made to the Society's apparatus during the past year, our present zealous Curator has taken great trouble in endeavouring to restore the instruments to something like a state of efficiency. In his report, which is now laid on the table, the Curator recommends that a small sum be placed at the disposal of his successor in office for the purpose of completing the repairs absolutely required. He also recommends that as soon as the funds of the Society will admit of it, that a transit clock should be purchased. This instrument, with the transit instrument and the telescope already in the possession of the Society, would form the nucleus of a small observatory, by means of which many observations of the heavenly bodies might be taken, that would be a source of real gratification and profit to not few of the members; the Council would recommend this important suggestion to their successors.

The accounts of the Treasurer, which are laid upon the table for the inspection of the members, shew that a balance remains in that officer's hands of £64 1s 8d, from which, however, must be deducted the sum of £25, being the instalment due during the coming year, on the purchase of the case of specimens already alluded to, leaving the sum of £39 1s 8d available for the purposes of the Society, there is also a considerable amount due from the members for arrears of subscriptions; the Council would urge upon the members the paramount necessity of punctually paying their annual subscriptions within the year for which they are due—the usefulness of the Society depending so much in the amount of funds available for the increase of the Library and Museum—apart from the sum mentioned above, there remains in the Treasurer's hands a balance of £115 4s 1d, unexpended of the Legislative Grant for the purchase of documents connected with the ancient history of the province, no addition to our collection of documents having been made during the past year—the Council, however, hope that the visit of the President to Europe will enable the society to increase the number already in its possession.

The return of the seat of Government to this city will in all probability cause some alteration in our position as respects the Rooms, which by the permission of the Government we have been