

benefits from the accuracy and perseverance of its Treasurer, whose duties are of a very onerous nature. From his statement on the Table, it appears that the Society possesses the disposal of at least £180 per annum. The Council can say with confidence, that the most rigid economy has been practised in every department of expenditure. The state of our affairs is such as to render the same economy still indispensable.

II. Progress of the Society in its proper objects.

In the boundless prospect which this part of the subject opens up to us, it is to be feared that still less must be announced as having been done than even in the former department. Something, however, has been accomplished, and thence we may fairly anticipate that more will yet be done, that a fairer harvest will yet arise to crown the efforts that have every year been making to sow the seeds of science.

Among the few successful endeavours that have been made among us, to diffuse a greater taste for knowledge and improvement, may very fairly be reckoned the experiments performed by the Revd. Mr. HOLMES, in illustration of the powerful effects of the compound Blow-pipe. It is most devoutly to be wished, that more could be done in this way to promote a taste for the study of nature. Our chemical apparatus has hitherto remained a dead weight on our hands, or at least has yielded no advantage commensurate with the opportunities which it affords. At present, indeed, our Apparatus are by no means fitted for a regular exhibition of Chemical Experiments, and the want of a Laboratory is a great drawback upon any exertions of this kind. We most respectfully recommend it to our successors in office, to keep in view the procuring, if it can by any means