

III. CONTINGENCIES TO BE PROVIDED FOR.

These consist of—

Repairs required on House and Cabinet.....	£200	0	0
Curator's Salary.....	30	0	0
Fuel, (say).....	20	0	0
Gas Light.....	10	0	0
Stationery.....	5	0	0
Interest of Debt.....	9	0	0
Water Rent.....	3	0	0
City Taxes.....	9	17	6
Incidental Expenses, (say).....	25	0	0
Total.....	£311	17	6

This Estimate does not provide for any increase to the Salary of the Curator, a contingency, which, in view of the great advances in the prices of every necessary of life, and the duties and responsibilities devolving upon him, ought to be entertained. From these premises, it may be safely affirmed, that a sum of more than *three hundred pounds* would be required during the coming year, to keep the Society, its House, and Museum, in a safe and complete condition.

IV. MEANS OF IMPROVING OUR PECUNIARY RESOURCES.

This is the most important, and at the same time, the most embarrassing question that presents itself to the Society. It has been already stated, that our resources of income, exclusive of Parliamentary Grant, do not exceed £64 per annum, while the Society has to provide for an outlay of at least £300, with only 141 members, paying ten shillings each; a small Annual Parliamentary Grant, and a few other trivial items, to meet this amount. How is this deficiency to be made up? Would it not be advisable *inter alia* to increase the Annual Subscription of members? If we do so, we can come before Parliament with a good grace, to ask for an augmentation of Legislative munificence. No step taken by the Society, since its commencement, has so seriously impaired its financial affairs, as the reduction of its Annual Subscriptions from five dollars to two dollars.—Upon reference to the accounts of the Society, the undersigned finds, that the aggregate amount of subscriptions paid in during the years 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, and 1842, was £842 13s. 0d., being an average of £93 12s. 7d. per annum, realised from members' subscriptions, when the rate was five dollars per annum. The aggregate