

The Society has continued to receive proofs of the friendly co-operation of similar Institutions in other parts of the world, and of their desire to favour us with their transactions or other publications in return for copies of ours. Contributions of this kind, in continuation of former ones, have, in the course of the year, been received from the Royal Society of Literature, La Société Géologique de France, The Albany Institute, and the Botanical Society of Boston. The Council has been informed of a donation being on its way, intended for the Society, from the Royal Academy of Lisbon.

The departure to other parts of the world, of several officers, all of them remarkably assiduous in the discharge of their duties, has occasioned no less than three re-appointments in the course of the year. The Curator of Apparatus, and the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, have all left the Province, at least for some time; and have received, after serving the Society with the utmost fidelity, such marks of its confidence as it has in its power to bestow. The same duties have, it is pleasing to state, been ably and zealously performed by the Gentlemen who have since filled their places. It is humbly conceived, that the Council in its anxiety for the welfare of the Society, cannot too strongly recommend it to Members, to elect such Gentlemen to office as are likely to perform their several duties with punctuality, care and ability.

Letters received during autumn, from the Revd. Mr. HOLMES, then at Paris, recommended the adoption of measures for drawing closer our relations with the Members of Learned Societies in Europe. The Council has, therefore, the pleasure of stating that a considerable assortment of the volumes of the Society's transactions has been forwarded to Mr HOLMES, for distribution in France and Britain. With