

The largest amount received in any year being that of \$777.87 in 1869-1870, and the least that of \$200 in 1865-1866. The year just closed showing \$603.42, a large increase over the previous year, yet still so small an amount as to admit of considerable improvement.

In view of what has been said, the question which suggests itself to every mind will naturally be. To what is this attributable? Many reasons may be assigned, but it seems to me that the chief reason why the membership is not increased is that the members leave almost the entire management of the affairs of the Society in the hands of the office bearers, and this, I think, I am warranted in saying, when as is shown by the minutes of each Quarterly Meeting the number of office-bearers attending such meetings invariably outnumber the private members. This has the effect of allowing the claims of the Society to drop out of the minds of the members.

The means by which a change may be effected is somewhat difficult to devise; but it has occurred to me that a complete revision of the Roll should in the first instance be had, and that the name and address of each individual should be inscribed in a book, in order that when necessity requires, the members may be found. That each member on being elected, should be made to sign his name to the Roll of the Society, at the same time paying his first year's subscription, which would have the effect of impressing on his mind the fact of his having been so elected a member. And thus in forwarding the schemes of the Society, those entrusted with the management may not be met (as is sometimes the case) with the assertion that the individual applied to is not a member, or has been made so without his consent. It might be