

us, together with the distance many have to come—and that often in bad weather—and also taking into consideration that the Society is composed of persons who have various other calls upon their time, and which must often require their immediate attention—our benches have, upon an average, been as fully occupied as we could reasonably expect. We may therefore, I think, fairly look upon our vessel (as reported of her last year by my Rev. friend, Mr. Brooke,) as still in safety, and beyond the danger of being stranded upon the shoals he then seemed rather to apprehend. The cheers we then gave for holding on our course have not been so met, by the proceedings of the past year, as to discourage us from renewing them on this occasion, seeing that we still proceed with every prospect of fair winds and fresh breezes, which, I trust, will continue to carry us on in the same harmony and happy association which have hitherto prevailed and governed our course.