

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1856=7.

Your Treasurer in submitting the following statement of Receipts and Expenses incurred for the past year,—the third in which he has held that office—has to draw the attention of the Members present to the withdrawal, from various circumstances, of a large number of active members from our list.

Whilst the resignations of members still resident here, are but five in number, the majority of those who have left the district are gentlemen connected with the moveable departments of the Public Service, whose duties compelled them to leave at the close of the preceding year. The sudden decrease in our numbers, from this circumstance, is probably unprecedented in the Society's records; the diminution of names amounting in all to twenty-nine. A few have gone to foreign parts,—a considerable portion of the others will beyond doubt rejoin our ranks on the return of the seat of government.

Meanwhile the Treasurer begs to impress on the Council, who may be appointed to office for the year 1857-8, the necessity of obtaining apartments more centrally situated and easy of access, as the rooms are at present never visited by more than half of the members, and some of the new members elected within the past two years have not yet taken occasion to attend any of the meetings since they have joined the Society's ranks.

A considerable annual saving has been gained to the institution by the recent amalgamation with the Assistant Secretary's duty that of guardian, as in former years.

The incompatibility of the two offices of Treasurer and Assistant Secretary will be acknowledged, and your Treasurer earnestly hopes that his former suggestion on this point to the effect that these offices may be separated, will be carried out at the present election.

As per account herewith, it will be seen that the—

Total Receipts for the past year are..	£149	4	5
Total Expenditure do. do.....	109	16	2
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- Balance on hand.....	£	39	8 3
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All which is respectfully submitted.

G. T. CARY,
Treasurer.