

the Society and its officers, if the proposed admission of the members of the other Societies takes place.

Such is the present stage of the negotiations for bringing the Societies into closer union ; and the Council have no doubt that in considering the alterations in your By-Laws, about to be proposed to you, you will take an extended view of the whole subject in its present position, and with reference to the effect of the proposed measure on the resources and general prosperity of the Society.

Since the beginning of the year only two new associate members have been added to the Society and one honorary member, the eminent and venerable Mr. Duponceau, the President of the Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, whose death was reported to the Society shortly after they had added him to the list of their honorary members.

The attendance of members at the Stated Meeting of the Society, for Literary and Scientific purposes, has, during the winter and autumn months, been sufficiently full and regular, and papers have been read by

Dr. Wilkie—On Superstition,

On the edition of Caesar presented by
Lord Durham,

On Bancroft's History of the United
States, and

On the effects produced on mental
impressions by repetition.

The Hon. Mr. Cochran—On the diversity of Colonial
Laws, and

On the Etymology of Quebec.