

PROCEEDINGS.

The annual meeting of this Society was held at its rooms on the evening of May 18th, the Acting President, Rev. A. De Sola, LL.D., in the absence of Sir W. E. Logan, in the chair. Mr. J. F. Whiteaves, the Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the last annual meeting; after which the usual annual address was delivered as follows:—

In the notice calling this meeting, it was announced that there would be an address by the Acting President. I fear, however, that I shall have now to prove there would be more of courtesy than of justice in dignifying my few remarks, illustrative of the work done in the past year, with a title that has frequently, even if not invariably, conveyed on such an occasion the idea of a scientific treatise. When I had the honor of last filling the presidential chair, I called your attention to "some points of interest in the study of Natural History"; but this evening, I do not follow this course, for two reasons, which I trust you will regard as quite sufficient. The first is, that I—and I venture to add most others in my situation—would but little desire to give opportunity of contrast with what, had he been present, our learned President, Sir Wm. Logan, would have favored us. And the second is, that multifarious and urgent official and other duties would have prevented me, however I might have felt disposed to intrude in such a direction. In uniting with me, as I am sure you will, in regretting the absence of our President on this occasion, we may yet have the satisfaction of recalling the fact that on Sir William Logan's recent retirement from the active duties of Director of the Geological Survey, this Society, which in the past had done something to help Sir William in creating the Survey, availed itself of the occasion of his withdrawal to present him with its silver medal, accompanied with