

Another class of members have been admitted into the Society, viz., Lady Associates. Thirty-three have been enrolled during the last year, making an addition of new names on the list of membership of fifty-one.

Another feature to be noticed here is the election of sixteen life members in lieu of \$50 subscribed by each for the liquidation of the debt.

There has been a number of resignations during the year.

Your Council would recommend to the new membership committee and to all the members of this Society the necessity of endeavouring to add to our list of fellow-workers in our labours to improve and benefit mankind.

Another new feature to be noticed in this report is the institution of field meetings. The first of these was held at St. Helen's Island, and was well attended, while everything tended to shew that all were satisfied and pleased with their trip.

The thanks of the Council are due to Dr. J. Baker Edwards, for revivifying an old idea of this Society in regard to field meetings, which, but for his zeal, might have only remained an idea. The thanks of the Council and Society are tendered to all who helped in the carrying out of these arrangements—and we would recommend to the new Council a continuance of these meetings, as the amount of good to the Society by their occurrence will no doubt stimulate to increased usefulness—and your Council hope that the second field meeting to be held on Her Majesty's birthday, may be crowned with success.

The next point to be mentioned is the opening of the Museum to the public on Saturday afternoon; and the thanks of the Society are due to the Corporation for their kindness in granting a policeman to guard the interest of the Society on these occasions.

Another question for the consideration of the new Council is the necessity of making the Library more useful to its members. This work has been already begun by our Curator, Mr. Whittaves, as his report on the Library will shew. Your Council would recommend the suggestion of Principal Dawson for consideration, to provide tables where the scientific periodicals of the day may be available to the members of this institution.

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