

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1854.

YOUR Treasurer, in submitting his accounts of receipts and expenditure for the year ending this day, has the honor to Report :—

That the lamentable loss of the Society's property in the conflagration of the 1st February last, has caused an unusual and unlooked for drain on the resources of the Society, to meet which the amount of ordinary subscriptions was quite inadequate.

The heavy expense of purchasing new furniture and library fittings on the removal of the remnant of the books, records, museum and apparatus to their present position after the fire, was further increased by a new outlay in the shape of Rent, as the extensive suite of apartments previously occupied by the Society was liberally placed at the disposal of the Society by the Provincial Government—a boon which it is hoped may at some future time be again extended, on the condition that the public should, as heretofore, enjoy the privileges of visiting the library and geological and other collections of the institution without charge.

To meet a portion of the increased outlay above alluded to, your Treasurer was empowered by a vote of the General Meeting of the Society in June last, to borrow the sum of eighty pounds from the Special Fund for the purchase and publication of Historical Documents; which amount, through the liberal vote of two hundred and fifty pounds by the Legislature, the Society's General Fund has recently restored.

The subscriptions paid in during the year 1854, as seen by the Books laid on the table, amount to £102, which added to the sum of £66 in the chest at the close of last year, made