

favoured with further communications from him. The Members generally will soon have an opportunity of judging of the merit of the paper, and of deciding whether its author should not be formally enrolled on our list of Corresponding Members.

The Council have briefly adverted to many significant and gratifying proofs of improvement in the condition and prospects of the Society. The Council cannot, however, conceal from itself the fact that during the last few years our Society has had to deplore the loss of many of her oldest and most distinguished members, who from one cause or another have gradually separated themselves from her. The Council feel satisfied that, no matter what efforts we may make to infuse life and vigor into the Society, we cannot hope to achieve any important or lasting change unless we can find means to increase considerably the number of our working members. Let us swell the ranks of our Society, and we may be certain that with our increase of members will follow increased usefulness and increased activity.

The Council have had under consideration the measures which should be taken with a view to increase our members, and they have submitted certain suggestions on the subject for the consideration of the Society. These suggestions will, they trust, commend themselves to the members generally. The adoption of the recommendation to invite the original members of the Society to rejoin her ranks, either as life-members or ordinary members, could not fail they think to be attended with good results. The Society would thus secure to itself the encouragement and support of many who took part in its proceedings during its earlier and more palmy days. Their presence would serve to remind the Society of the labors of some of its most distinguished members and encourage the members of the present day to follow in the footsteps, even afar off, of such men as a Bayfield, a Baddeley, and an Andrew Stuart.

In concluding their Report, the Council would observe that while they are of opinion that we have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the progress which has been made by the Society during the