

this new ally in the service of literature. It is consolatory for the Society to be in this manner assured, that it has among its absent, honorary or corresponding Members, individuals who take so deep an interest in its welfare, as to make known its name, and its exertions among the literati of a country to which all its Members are strangers. It is to be recollected too, that Portugal was one of the first countries in Europe, which by cultivating Navigation, Astronomy and the Sciences connected with these, led the way to the discovery of new countries, and particularly of this Continent.

The other Societies which formerly contributed their transactions and other publications, still continue to grant us their co-operation, and the accounts of their discoveries. The transactions of the Royal Society of Literature, and of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, both of the latest date, have been presented this year. In this reciprocity of good offices, we have to acknowledge the genuine spirit of science, which being founded in the love of truth, and fully sympathising with that principle wherever it is found to exist, is thankful for all information, and ever ready to communicate its own treasures, which increase and multiply by extension. Like the Sun's beams, the more they enlighten others, the more splendid they grow themselves.

From the Societies that have contributed to our advancement, and to furnish us encouragement and information, we turn with pleasure to the individuals who, from their own resources, have materially joined their efforts to ours. The continued friendship of Mr. GOULD has been experienced for years, and to his unwearying efforts in the dissemination of useful knowledge, we are indebted for several literary and scientific connexions. Doctor CHARLES DAUBENEY, on his late visit to this part of the world, furnished us with recent and valuable publications of his own, and also communicated to us the proceedings and publications of the Ashmolean Society, embracing a great variety of subjects of the highest possible interest to science and literature. But in particular, we are bound at this time to notice the contributions of Mr. ADRIANO DE JUSSIEU. He instructs us in the botanical properties of some uncommon Plants, he stimulates our inquiries, he solicits our friendship. His letter, and that of Mr. BEAUMONT, are among our records, and afford proofs of the