

in the community, all our officers are necessarily men who have other more important avocations to attend to during the hours usually devoted to business: we will be disposed to estimate more highly the efforts of those, who steal from the hours of recreation, the time which is required for the punctual performance of the duties imposed on them here.

Some valuable additions have been made to the Natural History department of the Museum, and it is expected from an arrangement lately made, that it will receive many acquisitions during the ensuing year, at a comparatively small expense. With this object in view, the Council, on the resignation of Mr. Andrews, secured the services of Mr. W. Kendall, as Assistant Secretary, whose talents in preparing subjects of Natural History, is a very high recommendation. He is retained at the increased salary formerly given to Mr. W. Smith, and on the same terms.

The correspondence of the Society with similar associations in other parts of the world, has been advantageously continued. Published Transactions of different Societies have been sent to us from London, Paris, and Edinburgh.

A donation of the same kind has been received, for the first time, from Dublin, in return for copies of our published Historical Documents; and some of the most distinguished Members of the learned Societies of that City, have been elected Honorary or Corresponding Members of our Society, with the view of effecting a closer connexion with these bodies than has hitherto existed. Some gentlemen of Boston have also been elected Corresponding Members with the same object.

The attendance at the Meetings of the Society has not improved; and only a few original papers have been