

There are, in fact, so few individuals who are not deeply immersed in the occupations of active life, that it is not easy to find such as can, with all their wishes in favor of it, command time to discharge some of the more laborious offices connected with the regular movement of the Society.

Under such difficulties, the Society and the community generally lie under great obligation to those individuals, who, in that year, snatched leisure enough from their laborious professions, to give the lectures which were heard with so much interest.

It is painful to reflect, that we have to deplore the loss of two of those talented individuals, Dr. Lyons and Dr. Lloyd, who have been as it were prematurely cut off by diseases—the foundations of which were laid, or their constitutions were at least broken, by their active public services in unhealthy climates.

If however we have failed in this object during the past year, we have had occasion to remark, how much more fully than heretofore our meetings have been attended, and our hours improved, either by the reading of papers, or by conversations upon subjects connected with the objects of the Society.

The same causes which have prevented the continuation of the lectures, have operated to check the supply of original communications ; yet amidst the general deficiency some members have largely contributed to this primary object of the Society's Meetings.

Among those Members, our zealous and learned Librarian, the Reverend Mr. Wilkie, has borne a part highly honorable to himself and equally useful to the Members ; whether the high aims of the subjects he selects be considered, as