

PROCEEDINGS,

TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION, 1874-75.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

Royal Institution, Colquitt Street, Liverpool, October 19th, 1874.

THE REV. CANON HUME, D.C.L., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The SECRETARY read the following

REPORT.

The retiring Council in resigning their trust, at the close of another Session, have the gratification of stating, that the past has been one of more than average success, as compared with those of recent years. The literary investigations have been fairly sustained, while the business of the Society, as well as its property, finances, and publications, has been put into an improved condition.

The annual volume has been produced, as it should always be, within the year to which it refers, and with the exception of a few, who are somewhat difficult of access, every Member who is entitled to receive it has it in his hands already.

An addition to the Society's publications has been made in the shape of an Index to the first twenty-four volumes constituting the first and second series; and it has already been found useful by those who desire to know where literary materials of a certain kind may be found. It has been presented to the Members of the Society by the President, who compiled it, and a supply has been handed to the Librarian for the use of future members who may become connected with the Society. The Council believe that this Index will be of great value to the Members and others in their researches, and to those who wish to procure certain volumes of the Transactions; and they beg to tender their thanks to Canon Hume for his ability and labour in compiling it, and for the liberal manner in which he has placed it at the Society's disposal.

The Assistant Secretary, Charles Dyall, Esq., has expressed a wish to retire from the duties of his office, which he has performed for seven years. The Council, in accepting his resignation, beg to express their high sense of his ability and urbanity, and of his sincere desire to oblige and accommodate every member of the Society.

A further effort has been made to reduce the amount of arrears due by Members to the Treasurer, and the Council have confidence that the means which have been adopted, or which may be employed, will have the effect of causing almost their entire disappearance.

