Historical documents; they are the loose records of individuals and of corporate bodies, and the fact that so many allusions to powder and cannon still exist, must be taken as a proof that such allusions in documents were once much more numerous. It is especially in the records of town corporations, who first used artillery to any extent, that we must look for information respecting it. Unfortunately in England the large mass of the earlier documents of this kind has been allowed to perish. I have myself found some very curious illustrations of the history of artillery in the fifteenth century in the records of Southampton and Canterbury, and I have no doubt that the records of other towns might be examined for materials on this subject with advantage.

I remain, my dear Sir,
Very faithfully yours,
Thomas Wright.

Thanks having been severally ordered for these communications, the chairman gave notice, that from this evening the meetings of the Society are adjourned to Thursday, the 16th of November; also, that the Library of the Society will be closed during the month of September.

Errata in No. 13.

Page 252, line 5 from the end of the President's letter, for "Still, however," read "Since, however."

Page 255, second line of the second Latin inscription, for "POEMA," read "POENĀ."