

In surrendering to the Society the official trusts committed to them during the past year with a view to a new election, the Council are prompted to express to their fellow members their earnest hope that they will never lose sight of two points which the experience of this and other Institutions of the same description has shewn to be of cardinal importance to their vitality and success,—to preserve with care, and sedulously to enlarge, if but by small degrees, the visible property of the Institution; and to fill its offices only with those who have leisure, ability, and inclination to discharge efficiently the duties attached to them.