

they in turn shall have gone to that spirit world where things are seen, not as through a glass darkly, but face to face, shall in the world beneath occupy niches—if humbler ones—in the temple of fame. This

is the spur that the clear spirit doth raise  
To scorn delights, and live laborious days.

And look where we will, from the highest and most solitary sage who ever desired the “propagation of his own memory,” and committed his lonely labors to the world, in full assurance that an age would come, when that memory would not willingly be let to die, down to the humblest laborer who was ever content to cooperate outwardly and subordinately with others, and hoped for nothing more than present and visible recompense, we still perceive the operation of that social spirit, that deep instinctive yearning after sympathy to use the power, and (if it may be done) guide the influences of which, this Association was framed.

We trust, then, that the Montreal meeting will not be inferior to former assemblings, but will more than realize our hopes and wishes, and not only give a new impulse to science among us, but also cement the kindly feeling which binds the members together already.

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#### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

The Annual General Meeting of this Society was held in the Museum, on Monday evening, the President, J. W. Dawson, Esq., F. G. S., in the Chair. The members present were the Lord Bishop of Montreal, Rev. A. Kemp, Rev. A. D. Campbell, Rev. A. DeSola, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Jones, Dr. Barnston, L. A. H. Latour, J. T. Dutton, H. Rose, J. H. Joseph, W. H. A. Davies, D. Robertson, J. Ferrier, jr., N. S. Whitney, R. Scott, E. Murphy, Dr. Howard, Dr. Hingston, Dr. Fenwick, B. Chamberlin, A. N. Rennie.

#### REPORT FOR 1857.

Your Council in submitting the annual Report of the proceedings and progress of the Society for the years 1856-7, find no difficulty in discharging this duty from lack of materials, as the subjects which have engaged their attention have been both numerous and important. Our predecessors rendered an important service to the Society, by their concise sketch of its history contained in the last report—a proceeding often necessary, in order