

allowed to occupy in this building since 1841. The Council have as yet received no official intimation on the subject, though the individual members of it have been warned that the exigencies of the public may require the apartments unoccupied by the Society, or at any rate the great part of them. Looking at the disastrous consequences which a removal of the valuable museum possessed by us, without having a proper place to deposit it in, would entail in the well being of the Society, and the utter impossibility that the funds of the Society would allow for our paying rent for the large apartments which we require; the Council recommend to their successors that immediate steps be taken to bring the matter in the most urgent manner under the notice of the Executive Council, so that if possible the Society may be allowed to retain possession of one, if not two of the rooms at present occupied by us. The Council can hardly allow themselves to doubt that the same liberality which has under every successive Government, been extended to this Institution since its foundation in 1824, in furnishing them with apartments for their museum and library, will not be continued under the present administration.

Having thus passed in brief review the events connected with the Society during the passed year, the Council in resigning their offices into the hands of the Society, see no reason to despond for the future, they feel persuaded that the course of the Society, if the Members are but true to its cause, *must be* onward, it *must* partake of the progress which now marks the course of this noble Colony, which we are proud to own as our home, and though clouds have at times obscured its path, it is only what had occurred in the case of almost every similar institution, seasons of inactivity and langour have been followed by a revival of energy and exertion, the Council feel assured it will be so with this Society.

In conclusion, the Council would recommend to the members of the Society, to keep two points of paramount importance to the interest of the Society, constantly in view, viz. to confine the offices of the Society to those only among the members who will undertake to fulfil the duties of them with zeal and attention, and to endeavour by every means to increase the visible property of the institution,