

recommend that an immediate survey of it should be made, for the purpose of ascertaining the extent and amount of the deterioration, and the sum required to put it in thorough repair.

It now only remains for your Council to reiterate the urgent recommendations of their predecessors, as to the necessity of persevering and sedulous attention to the interests of the society, and of zealous exertions during the coming year. Every motive that can animate the lover of science calls for them, and success must as a matter of course crown their efforts, if made in such a spirit; while, on the contrary, apathy and neglect must entail a languid and useless existence on the part of the society. For the members may be assured that it is only by sparing no exertions on their part that they can make the society a useful one, or derive practical and permanent advantage from the important and interesting study the Natural History Society professes to encourage.

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Chairman of Council.

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Montreal, 18th May, 1855.