

them in the important position of their Secretary.

"The presentation of this testimonial has from several causes been delayed much longer than we anticipated, and it is only now that we have it in our power to carry out our design.

"We now request your acceptance of, and we are quite sure that we have the approbation of all our agricultural friends in tendering to you, this slight testimonial of our and their esteem.

"As President of the Board, I can say that I have never been called upon to perform a more pleasing duty than that which I now discharge in the name and on the part of the Board of Agriculture of Upper Canada."

To which Professor Buckland replied as follows:—

*Col. Thomson and Gentlemen of the Board of Agriculture of Upper Canada.*

"In accepting this testimonial as a gratifying mark of your respect and confidence, and appreciating its intrinsic value, I desire to express how deeply I feel the force of those moral and social relations, of which it may be regarded as an exponent.

"It is now a little more than thirteen years since I came to this country, and during the whole of that period it has fallen to my lot, in common with a number of friends whom I now see around me, to devise and carry into execution such measures as seemed best conducive to the advancement of the agriculture of this country. For some time our progress was slow, and numerous difficulties had to be surmounted. I well remember being present at the Second Annual Exhibition of the Provincial Association at Hamilton, in 1847, and the impediments in the way of subsequent progress, which seemed for a while to preclude any but the slenderest hopes, that the institution would be matured and attain to a permanent standing. By perseverance and united effort the prospects of the Association gradually brightened; its exhibitions yearly increased, both in the amount of material and in the confidence and good will of the public. And since the establishment of this Board by Parliamentary Statute, with a liberal support from Government to Agricultural Societies, great, if not rapid improvements have been effected in the various breeds of live-stock, in

agricultural implements and machines, and as a consequence, in the general cultivation of the soil, and the raising of farm crops.

"It will be found by observation that these improvements have been apparent in the increased efficiency of Agricultural Societies generally, and of the Provincial Exhibition in particular, which now takes rank with the foremost of its class on this continent, and, from what I recently observed of the working of similar organizations in Europe, it does not occupy, even when compared with them, an inferior position. Indeed, while observing in countries of the Old World, the results of their labors and mechanical skill in this ancient and most important of arts, I felt deeply struck with the rapid progress made in Canada, during the past few years; the whole of this great western section being almost an unbroken wilderness, half a century ago! I allude to these facts, not with a view to induce us to rest on our oars, but rather as incentives to yet greater exertions for the future.

"That my humble services should be considered as having, in any measure, contributed to the attainment of these results, will form a source of satisfaction and pleasure as long as I live, and stimulate me for the future, to do every thing in my power, to promote the welfare and happiness of my adopted country.

"I feel in this connection, it is only a simple act of justice to observe, that during the now rather long period in which I have been officially connected with this Board, and the Provincial Association, I have uniformly received from all my coadjutors, a kindly and courteous consideration, and a prompt co-operation in prosecuting the great objects for which we are associated; a circumstance that I shall always remember with feelings of gratitude and pleasure.

"Did the acceptance of this handsome Testimonial involve the severance of the link connecting me with the Board of Agriculture and a large circle of esteemed friends engaged in the patriotic work of agricultural improvement throughout the Province, my feelings on this occasion would be of a very different character to those which now animate my breast. I still have the pleasure of continuing among you, as a member of this Board. And in my new position in our Provincial seat of learning, I shall enjoy opportunities of aiding the important work of agricultural