

## THE TREASURER OF THE LAW SOCIETY.

It is a great satisfaction to me that at the close of the first term of office of those who were chosen by the Bar to represent them in the government of the Law Society, I should receive from them the same kind meed of approbation that was awarded to me by their predecessors, who were the governing body under the old system.

All who have paid any attention to the working of the Society, must be aware of the great progress that has been made in legal education during the last few years, and how sedulously convocation has endeavoured to encourage the student of the law, by offering him those larger facilities for acquiring knowledge, and those greater inducements for attaining a high degree of proficiency, which your address has pointed out; and to the legal profession especially, the large and well selected increase in the library, the additional facilities provided for reporting, and the greater powers granted by the Legislature to the Society, must afford sure and convincing evidence that you have been mindful of the trust that has been confided to you; while the conduct and capacity of the men who have been called to the Bar of late years, must afford evidence equally convincing that your care and attention have had their due effect, and that your labours have not been thrown away.

My profession has ever had my warmest attachment; and it has been my greatest pleasure since I became your Treasurer to endeavour to raise the standard of legal education, and to place the best means of acquiring legal knowledge within the reach of those young men who desired to enter upon the study of the law; and if those measures have met with a fair measure of success, the Bar and the public must give thanks to you, without whose zealous co-operation and constant assistance that measure of success could never have been achieved.

I am most happy to unite with you in your expression of satisfaction, that considerations arising from party politics have never been allowed to enter into our deliberations nor to mar the harmony of our proceedings, and to thank you for the expression of your belief that my aim has ever been, as your presiding officer, 'to promote those measures which would most largely contribute to the honour, learning and dignity of the Bar.'

I accept the testimonial which accompanies your address with the highest appreciation of the kindly feeling which has induced you, as the representatives of the profession at large, to make the presentation; and I can assure you that it will be cherished by my family as their dearest possession long after I have passed away.

And now, gentlemen, in bidding you farewell, permit me to say that during the thirty years I have been a Bencher of this Society, I have ever been associated in its government with a body of gentlemen with whom association was the highest pleasure, and I may truly say that never has the association been continued with a greater charm than during the years it has been had with you. You have always shown me the utmost consideration and courtesy—you have ever been ready to co-operate with me in any proposal that tended to the benefit and advantage of the profession. Year after year you have expressed your confidence in me by unanimously electing me your Treasurer; and now, as your crowning mark of honour, you present me with this splendid testimonial, and part from me with such kind and flattering words, as must live in my recollection as long as my memory lasts."

The address was engrossed on vellum, and beautifully illuminated. The testimonial was a solid silver epergne of unique design, emblematic of the occasion. At Mr. Cameron's special request it was of home manufacture, and reflects great credit both upon the designer and the workman. Upon one side of the pedestal is a view of Osgoode Hall, surmounted by the arms of the Law Society, and on the reverse side are Mr. Cameron's coat of arms, and the following inscription:

"Presented to the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron by the Benchers of the Law Society, on the expiration of their term of office, in May, 1876, as a testimonial of their appreciation of his service during the many years he has been their Treasurer, and of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the members of the Bar of Ontario."

The silver pedestal, standing on a block of black marble, supports a column, round which is a scroll, with the words, "*Magna Charta Angliæ*," and two figures—one, a savage armed with a club, representing the rule of brute force, and the other, Justice, with her sword and balance, representing civilisation, law and order. The shaft supports a silver dish and vase for flowers.

Mr. Cameron has again been chosen Treasurer by the Benchers recently elected.