

upon Geology, and Mineralogy, under a guarantee on our part individually of a certain sum—which we have the pleasure to add has not only been realized, but greatly exceeded by the amount of the subscriptions to his Lectures. Mr. Finch has fulfilled his engagement with equal credit to his talents and attention. It was our intention to follow up the Lectures of Mr. Finch, by an elementary course of Chemistry, to be delivered by some of our own members upon terms which would be merely sufficient to defray the actual expence of the materials used in the experiments.

A proposal however on the part of Mr. Finch, to read a general course of Lectures on Chemistry, has induced us to lay aside our projected undertaking for the present. The elementary course which we proposed, should it be deemed expedient, may be carried into effect at some future day, by the officers of the society who may be appointed to succeed us in our respective stations, and we beg leave to recommend it to their attention.

Before we conclude we have yet to trespass upon your patience for a short period. It is said to be the pride of science, that her votaries know no party distinctions, of any description, and that they have but one disinterested and common object of pursuit. Ample testimony of the truth of these observations has been furnished even in the infancy of our institution: We were originally two societies, we are now one, we are all fellow labourers in the field of science, and cherish one and all and equally, a common desire to render our labours beneficial to the land we inhabit, either as the place of our birth, or as the country which we have maturely chosen and adopted, as a home for ourselves and for our children. We have a common interest, in the benefits to be derived from our united endeavours, and even in the difficulties with which we are surrounded, we pursue one common object in our attempt to improve the state of science in Canada, to aid her in the discovery and display of her native riches and her internal resources, both mental and material. We seek to serve her