

## THE TREASURER OF THE LAW SOCIETY.

some of his most hearty supporters in convocation are those whose political views are strongly opposed to his own. For his efforts to foster this feeling of professional friendship, a proper *esprit de corps*, and a high standard of professional ethics, as well as for his exertions (ably supported by other Benchers) in improving the legal education and system of reporting, our thanks are due.

The presentation took place in the Convocation Room at Osgoode Hall, which was crowded with members of the Society. Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, Q.C., moved that Sir John A. Macdonald, Q.C., K.C.B., should take the chair, introducing the object of the gathering in a few happily chosen sentences expressive of the appreciation which the profession felt for the many services rendered to it by the Treasurer in his long career of thirty years as a Bencher and sixteen years as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Bethune, Q.C. Sir John Macdonald then, on behalf of the Benchers, presented the address and testimonial in his usual felicitous style, referring to Mr. Cameron not only as one whose public services were entitled to the fullest recognition, but also as an old and tried friend and his schoolfellow of half a century ago.

The address, which was as follows, was then read by Mr. Esten:—

## ADDRESS

*To the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, D.C.L.,  
Q.C., M.P., Treasurer of the Law Society.*

MR. TREASURER,—The Benchers of the Law Society, in convocation assembled, desire at this their last meeting before the general election, to acknowledge the great services you have rendered to the Society, and to express their satisfaction at the efficient manner with which you have so long presided as their chief executive officer in convocation.

During your incumbency the profession has witnessed the establishment of Law Lectureships and of the Law School, affording to the modern students of the law greater facilities for acquiring a sound legal education than those

enjoyed by their predecessors of former years; the establishment of scholarships, with a yearly stipend, as a reward to the successful student; provision for intermediate examinations, by means of which the diligent student is enabled to test his ability to master the principles and maxims of the law; and finally, the means by which the standard of fitness and legal knowledge is now as high as it is at the English Bar.

Not only has the education of the Bar been thus provided for, but our library has been largely increased, and a system of law reporting, which we trust will shortly be made efficient, has been devised, by which the judgments of our courts may be placed in the hands of practitioners almost immediately after their delivery.

While the training of the Bar often brings the members of our learned profession into the keen warfare of active public and political life, it is our boast that no tinge of political bias has ever entered into the discussions of convocation, nor influenced the nomination of Benchers, nor the appointment to any office in the gift of the Law Society—a circumstance due in great measure to the tact, and fairness, and judgment with which you have guided the proceedings of convocation.

Standing as the profession of the law has often to stand before the searching light of a jealous public opinion, and pleading as it does before a judiciary high in legal ability and pure integrity, it has ever been the aim of the Law Society that the reflex of that ability and integrity should be shed around the members of a learned and an honourable Bar.

We are only doing justice to your services when we say that in all deliberations of convocation your aim has been to promote those measures which would most largely contribute to the honour, the learning, and the dignity of the Bar; and in now closing our official term, we express the hope that your example may be an incentive to future convocations to guide the deliberations of the Law Society with the moderation and fairness with which you have guided them in the past. As an expression of confidence and respect in you by the Benchers and profession at large, we beg you to accept the accompanying testimonial, in remembrance and acknowledgment of your sixteen years presidency as Treasurer, and your thirty years services as a Bencher of the Law Society.

Mr. Cameron replied as follows:—

“GENTLEMEN,

Allow me to express to you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the address which you have presented to me.