

with reference to the Society and its objects exclusively ; to hold it an imperative obligation upon ourselves to give a careful obedience to the laws by which we have bound ourselves, a duty which, considering the objects for which we are associated, we are especially called upon to fulfil with that high mindedness which, in the relations of Society, is considered the point of honor, rather than a cautious adherence to legal enactments.

If such be the uniform line of our conduct, can we despair when we include in our brotherhood, individuals so eminent in moral, metaphysical, and high philosophy—in mathematics and their application to the great objects of life—in geology and mineralogy, and botany, and natural history generally ; and when we see around us so many animated with a common zeal to enable the Society to lead in the extension of knowledge, and to place her at no greatly inferior level below her elder sisters elsewhere.

Then will the emblem upon our seal be a type of that bright noon of which we trust it is the harbinger—then, and under her auspices and with her not feeble aid, will the cleared forest give birth to products rich in nutriment and in materials for the arts.

Then will the philosophical explorer have given to the miner a sure guide to his obscure researches, and enable him to bring to light those hidden treasures which no doubt exist, and which, though they may not prove to be the precious metals, while even of these there are no doubtful indications, will trace out those far more valuable products of the inner earth, which derive their main value from the exercise of industry upon their manipulations, and by that exercise advance, through much intervening good, the final results of art—while they themselves will afford the means of further progress in art, and consequently in civilization.

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