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We publish with much pleasure the following address to the late Treasurer of the Law Society by his brother Benchers on the occasion of the last meeting of Convocation under the late *regime* and his answer thereto :—

"To the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, Treasurer of the Law Society of the Province of Ontario :

"SIR,—On the occasion of the approaching dissolution, under the recent act of the Legislature of Ontario, of the corporation of the Law Society as constituted at the end of the last century, we, the Benchers of that honourable society, of which you have been the Treasurer for eleven years, cannot allow the last term in which we shall be assembled together, to close, without giving expression to our feelings of regard and esteem for you, and our sense of the great benefits that have accrued to the profession at large from your unwearied labours and constant supervision, as the head of its governing body, the good effects of which are every day more distinctly felt and acknowledged.

"During your Treasurership many useful measures have been originated, among which we may particularize the creation of the Law School, and the establishment of Scholarships, both of which have tended so materially to the benefit of students; while the courtesy which you have at all times exhibited to the members of the Bench, and of the Profession in general, have contributed so much to that good feeling and pleasant intercourse which ought always to mark an honourable profession, and we believe does now essentially exist in ours.

"We sincerely hope that under the new organization of the Law Society, its members may lose none of the advantages that they have hitherto enjoyed, and that our successors to be elected by the Bar throughout the Province, may maintain the standard of legal education that you so happily inaugurated, and which has already borne such excellent fruit.

"In bidding you farewell in our old relations, we offer to you our warmest regard, and we know that in whatever position you may hereafter be placed, your most earnest endeavours will continue to be used in the promotion of a good understanding and high tone among the members of our common profession.

To this address the Treasurer replied as follows :—

"Gentlemen and Brother Benchers :

"Allow me to offer to you my warmest thanks or your kind and flattering address.

"The position of Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada has always been to me a source of the greatest satisfaction and pride, and the knowledge that you have conferred it upon me by your unanimous voices for eleven years in succession, and now, in the breaking up of our old constitution, that you as unanimously give me your approval of my course while acting as your head rewards me amply for those labours and efforts which you have been kind enough to eulogize.

"You are all aware how deep an interest I have ever taken in my profession, and how anxious I have been that our young men who have become students of the law should have every opportunity of acquiring the highest legal education and of adopting the best means of fitting themselves for practice at the Bar; and if the measures which you have aided me in passing, have been attended in their results with some degree of success, you are yourselves entitled to share in any meed of praise that may be awarded to them.

"If in my position I have acted in a spirit of courtesy towards yourselves and the other members of the Law Society, I have only acted in the spirit that the uniform kindness and consideration that have always been shown to me have called forth, and I have specially to thank those hundreds of students who have been before me in the legal examinations for the forbearance and good feeling that they have uniformly exhibited, which have never been departed from, even in cases where the result of the examinations has been adverse.

"I trust that the Law Society will be managed under its new organization in the same spirit it has hitherto been. The honor and interests of the Bar should be as safe in the hands of the whole body as they have been in the hands of a few of its senior members. The standards of merit and position cannot fail to be recognized by the profession at large, as the true standard for election to its governing body; and, as in the past, no disturbing element outside of their professional work or duty has ever been introduced among the benchers, so, we will hope, it may be in the future.

"I thank you for your kind expressions of personal regard. It is pleasant to me to remember, now that our old relations are being severed, that in all our intercourse I have never had the slightest difficulty with any one of you, and I can assure you that you judge me truly when you say that my most earnest endeavours will continue to be used in the promotion of a good understanding and high tone among the members of our common profession."