

manner as to be the means of reflecting upon us as a body, a very considerable amount of public credit.

"The great act of our official existence has been the late Exhibition. Its satisfactory completion was the result only of unremitting exertions. The crisis demanded a mind ever ready to suggest a right course of action, or willing to devote itself to its accomplishment when suggested by others. Such a mind we have found in you, who have ever been foremost in the work. From the hour of your appointment up to the present moment, there has been no relaxation. On many occasions, the distance of your residence from our ordinary place of meeting, the respect due to your age and distinguished position as a Judge, occurred to us as sufficient reasons for putting off the transaction of business, the proper time for which seemed to have arrived; but we ever found to be useless our study of what we conceived to be peculiarly due to you: you were intent on the work, and no thought of your personal convenience had any weight with you. Self-respect entitles us to assert our active co-operation in the business of the Society; but when, on other and later occasions, we deemed that the calls for our time and attention at least equalled our resources, we cannot forget that in order to effect the most thorough discharge of the duty we had undertaken, you suggested daily meetings, and that, during the course of these, your punctuality was precise and uniform, your patience untiring, and your perseverance indomitable.

"We hope that you will find it convenient to give the Society the benefit of your services for another year; but whatever may be the result of the approaching election of office-bearers, we individually and collectively earnestly desire at the present time to express to you our high sense of the manner in which you have discharged your duty, the satisfaction we have enjoyed under your Presidency, our confidence in the integrity of your judgment, and our pleasure in recording, as the result of our intercourse during nearly forty specially appointed meetings, that the infirmities incident to our common nature, so slightly interfered in matters requiring perfect self-possession and the nicest discrimination.

"Be pleased, then, to accept our joint and individual thanks for your courteous and most ready and efficient aid; and be assured of our hearty desire that the Giver of every good and perfect gift may preserve you for many years in the possession of ample ability for the discharge of every private and public duty.

"R. CHESTNUT,
JAMES ROBB,
R. FULTON,
JOSEPH GAYNOR,
D. S. KERR,

W. WATTS, SENR.,
J. A. BECKWITH,
J. GREGORY,
W. CARMAN.

"FREDERICTON, January 11th, 1853."