

places of science, be our allotted place of labour, till we meet together again, these influences will operate upon us all, and make us look forward with joyful expectation to our next re-assembling, and by the recollection and the hope, be stimulated and supported.

The delegation, having been named, and furnished with full powers by the society, and the city Corporation having appointed a committee to co-operate with us, and unite in the letter of invitation, proceeded to Albany to discharge its important trust. The author of this notice having had the honor of being appointed one of the delegates, can speak from personal experience of the hospitality with which they were received, and the marked kindness and attention they experienced at the hands of the local committee. Nor was he less struck by the enthusiasm elicited by the concourse of congenial minds, there assembled—the friendships formed and cemented—the trains of experiment first suggested, or prosecuted anew after being long abandoned; above all, the awakening of the public mind to the just claims of science, as shewn by the large and crowded, and attentive audiences who frequented the rooms, and the anxiety of the press to obtain and publish detailed and lengthy reports of the proceedings. Montreal was not without a rival for the honor she coveted. Baltimore, the monumental city, had even been before her in the field, and had sent a delegate to present her claims, (Professor Steiner) whose eloquence, not less powerful than was his gentlemanly deportment and manners winning and pleasing, we were afraid, would carry the day. The permanent committee declined making the decision, and referred it to the Association at large. In the course of the discussions in the different sections some of our Montreal *savans* highly distinguished themselves. Sir Wm. Logan, Principal Dawson, Professor Smallwood, and Mr. Hunt contributed many valuable papers, and took prominent parts in the scientific subjects discussed, and we have no doubt this aided much in influencing the decision. Our Baltimore opponent agreed that whoever had the majority of voices should move that the decision be declared unanimous; and Montreal happily proving the favourite, Professor Steiner in most complimentary terms moved as he had proposed. The motion was agreed to amidst loud applause, and we need not say how proudly exultant was the delegation at its certainly unlooked for success.

The Local Committee held its first meeting in Montreal in