

Our grant of money has not been increased by the Provincial Government last year, and your Council have still to express their regret that no compensation has been made them from the public chest for the heavy loss sustained by the Society in the destruction of its valuable museum, and the damage done to the library and their property on the 1st February, 1854, when the Parliament House was burnt. They recommend their successors to press this claim vigorously, and to endeavor to have it brought before the House of Parliament during the coming Session.

In giving up their trust, your Council can report that on the whole the interests of the Society have thriven in their hands, and that if in the last year's report there was found occasion for exultation, there can in this year's be found none for despondency; it only now remains for them to express the sincere wish that under the guardianship of those who may be selected as Council for 1856, the Society may be built up so as to render it less dependent upon appeals to the public,—firmer in the energy of its members, more widely known in the ability and value of its published transactions, secure and self-reliant.

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