

The Treasurer is happy to inform the Society that the above resolution has been complied with in every particular, and that the register now contains the signature of upwards of two hundred Members, stating when and where they were born, with such other remarks as may have been made by each member for himself. This register is an original and early record of the members of the Society, and in future ages is likely to become a very important document, inasmuch as it may be referred to, as the best evidence in a Court of Justice, of the identity and pedigree of the descendants, and will at all times be an authoritative reference for our children's children, to inform them from whence they sprung, and that too, in the hand writing of their ancestors whom they will be enabled to trace, when we, who are assembled this day, shall have followed our forefathers to the grave.

The Treasurer in congratulating the Society upon its continued prosperity, begs to add the sentiments expressed by the late Lord Durham, at his first interview with the Society in 1838. He expressed himself to the following effect, in alluding to the magnificent charitable institutions of our beloved native country, he said—"many of those now gigantic Charities in England, had a beginning as humble as yourselves, but were made permanent and lasting by *Life Memberships*." He recommended a similar course to our Society, and added—"that it was only *Life Memberships* that would impart a character of permanency to this young institution, which time or circumstances could not shake."

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