

The Council beg to acknowledge the debt of gratitude due to the gentlemen who consented to deliver the foregoing Lectures, and trust that their efforts will stimulate others to imitate their example, and when at leisure, prepare materials for the next Winter's Course. They would also embrace the opportunity of continuing the appeal of their predecessors, to make strenuous efforts for the regular establishment of literary and scientific Soirées, in connexion with the operations of the Society; being persuaded that at a moderate expense, they might be made instrumental in calling forth much native talent, and exciting in the young a strong desire for literary and scientific attainments.

Your Council having failed in opening any negotiation likely to be successful in obtaining a more suitable building, would recommend an immediate survey of the present one, in order to effect such repairs as are necessary, to preserve it from fire and delapidation; some parts of it being too much exposed to danger from fire, and other parts having been found affected by the weather, to an extent calculated to deteriorate the building, and lessen its value.

In conclusion, the Council would urge upon the officers and members, the necessity of persevering and sedulous attention to the interests of the Society, and zealous exertion during the coming year; and especially to maintain a punctual attendance upon the Monthly Meetings; being convinced that it will require all the efforts which the Society can put forth, to maintain its standing as a principal deposit of specimens of Natural History, in Canada, and the pioneer of the Science in British North America.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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