

TESTIMONIALS.

I.—*Extract from Report of Committee of the Royal Scottish Society of Arts, consisting of Professor Kelland, Professor Swan (now of St Andrews), and William Thomas Thomson, Esq., January 1854.*—Trans. Vol. IV. p. 2.

Your Committee having met, and carefully considered Mr Alexander's paper on Decimal Coinage, are of opinion that he is entitled to much credit for the ingenuity he has displayed in the conception of his plan, and in the means he proposes for facilitating the calculations connected with it. They do not, however, for various reasons, consider that it is a suitable scheme for adoption by the country.

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Your Committee cannot close this Report without expressing their feeling, that the warmest thanks of the Society are due to Mr Alexander for his very interesting paper; and although they have come to a different conclusion from him as to the decimal system of coinage which will best supply the wants of the country, yet they regard his views as highly deserving the attention of those who may meanwhile wish to adopt a decimal system of book-keeping, and they beg to suggest that his paper, along with this Report, be printed in the Society's Transactions.

WILLIAM SWAN, *Convener.*