

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the County Court House at 7 o'clock, p. m., on Tuesday the 11th day of January, 1853.

The Society was called to order by the President, Mr. Justice Street, who, thereupon, addressed the Meeting as follows:—

“GENTLEMEN,—As the period for which I was elected your President, closes on this the day of your Annual Meeting, I feel it right before leaving this chair to address you shortly on the subject of the proceedings of the Society during the past year; but this task has been rendered comparatively light to me from the very able and elaborate report that has been drawn up for the Executive Committee by our talented and energetic Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Robb, which will be read to you by himself; and I must here observe, that I consider not only the Executive Committee, and the Society generally, but the public at large, deeply indebted to that gentleman for the time and attention he has given, and the energy he has displayed, in devoting so much of his scientific knowledge, and active, unremitting exertions throughout the past year, to the promoting the objects of our late Exhibition, to which I attribute, in a great degree, its eminent success—the preparing for and carrying out of which, and the winding up the accounts thereof, and closing the business connected therewith, has formed the leading objects of the Society’s doings during the past year. But as the report I have alluded to will contain a detailed account of all the proceedings in that matter since the publication of the third number of the Society’s Journal in August last, and as that number contains a full detail of all proceedings up to that time, which you have no doubt all read, it is unnecessary for me to say more here, than that the Exhibition proved eminently successful, and I believe far more so than was expected, and afforded the means of a display, at one and the same time and place, of the various internal resources of the Province, that could not have been accomplished in any other way, and which much exceeded not only what the people of the Province themselves seemed aware of, but also what strangers had any idea the Province could produce; and will, I feel confident, be productive of all that future good in its results that was looked forward to by members of this Society when the scheme was determined on at the public meeting held in October, 1851; and we have thus made a beginning in carrying out this leading object of primary interest in our institution; its great success,