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PHILADELPHIA, *January 13, 1863.*

SIR:

At the stated meeting held last evening, it was, on motion, unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be presented to the Hon. J. R. Ingersoll, for the excellent memoir of our late Vice-President, Samuel Breck, Esquire, just read, and that a copy be requested for publication."

Very respectfully and truly,

Yours,

JOHN JORDAN, JR.,

Recording Secretary.

HON. J. R. INGERSOLL.

In obeying the call with which you have honored me, I can only hope to express sentiments such as those once entertained personally for your departed associate by his friends, and now cherished for his memory. The invitation carries such a desire naturally along with it, and its acceptance is a pledge of performance accordingly, not without misgivings as to the satisfactory execution of it. One of the effects of a Society like yours is the cultivation of closer acquaintance, and hence of mutual good feeling and regard. You come together not merely to acquire and diffuse knowledge of a particular kind, but in the acquisition and diffusion of it you promote a friendship resulting from the joint exercise of a common good.

The course of Mr. Breck's life may be regarded for the occasion as having its epitome in this companionship; and while the respect of a whole community has followed him with becoming solemnity to the grave, our especial attention is turned towards him because of an identity of membership. From that position, we are to look beyond, and examine his merits in a wider sphere. Yet the connection gives proper impulse to our claim to eulogize, and explains our moving principle in its utterance as coming from ourselves.

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