moved the adoption of the report, and hoped it was entirely satisfactory to every member of the society present, and would be to those absent. (Hear, hear.) It seemed perfectly clear to him that the society was in a most healthy state. He was glad to see so many members present. It was not necessary that he should take up their time further. He hoped the society would continue to prosper, and now moved the adoption of the report. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. J. W. WRIGHT seconded. He remarked on the very superior show of stock held at Kettering last summer, and was glad the society was progressing so well. The report was a most favourable one, and he thought every member present was satisfied with it. (Hear, hear.)—The report was unanimously adopted.

Application to hold the next Show at Northampton.—The MAYOR (R. Turner, Esq.) said he was deputed to ask the society to hold its 1874 show at Northampton. (Hear, hear.) Every facility would be offered the society, and a good guarantee, and was sure it would meet with a very cordial reception if the show were held in the county town this year. (Applause.)—Mr. W. ADKINS said he was glad to see the Mayor for the society to hold its show at Northampton this year be accepted. (Hear, hear.) From the known liberality of the Mayor, the position he held in the town, and the esteem and respect in which he was held, he was sure the Newmarket gentlemen would unite with him in giving a cordial reception. He proposed that the offer of the Mayor be accepted. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. J. W. WRIGHTON seconded.—The CHAIRMAN said he was sure the Mayor of Northampton would be unanimously agreed to. (Hear, hear.) He thanked the Mayor and Corporation for the offer of the use of the town at Northampton. It was the most central, and in every respect the most convenient place at which the society could meet. Of course it was necessary that the society should go to other parts of the country; but, whenever they could, he thought they should come to the county town. The MAYOR said he was most convenient in every respect. Mr. MAYOR said he was sure the town would receive the society with the heartiness it deserved. (Hear, hear.)

Votes of Thanks.—Mr. R. DOIG proposed a vote of thanks to His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, the retiring president.—Mr. W. ADKINS seconded, and said it was not every nobleman or gentleman of position to fill the office of president. This year they were highly favoured in the nobleman chosen, whose name his Grace is the representative of. They were indebted to the Duke of Buccleuch for his services, and he had much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to him. (Hear, hear.)—The vote was unanimously accorded.—Mr. G. SCAIVES proposed, and Mr. PULEYE seconded, a vote of thanks to the officers, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded.—Mr. VERNON acknowledged the vote. Having assisted in auditing the accounts for several years, it was most gratifying to find them in such satisfactory state. In connection with his duties he had two sources of regret. First, he regretted that the Duke of Buccleuch was not again President; and, next, that there should be such a large sum in arrears. He thought there was no necessity for this. Short reckonings made long friends. He hoped the arrears would be quite sufficient, and that members would pay up their arrears. He so seldom had pleasure in seeing them, he was great to all trouble, and the society would appear in a much better state. (Hear, hear.) He proposed a vote of thanks to the honorary secretary.—Mr. Philips, Mr. Britten, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Rowland Wood.—Mr. Wood returned thanks for the vote. The steward had endeavoured to discharge his duties to the best of their ability. He begged to acknowledge the assistance afforded the stewards by the committee and the secretary. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. J. W. WRIGHTON proposed a vote of thanks to the Kettering Local Committee, on which the success of the society's show was so much and so entirely dependent, not only by way of raising the necessary funds, but also in making the necessary arrangements.—Mr. G. N. WEBB seconded the resolution. The Kettering people had said always come forward nobly, and had added much towards the success of the society's exhibitions. He trusted the local committee of Northampton for the ensuing year would be left behind in this respect. (Hear, hear.) He did not think they would. He had met some good friends in Northampton, and he trusted they would have many more. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. S. WALLIS replied to the vote.

The next business was the presentation to the esteemed secretary of the society, Mr. J. M. Lovell. The project was originated in the committee a little more than a fortnight ago. It was felt that Mr. Lovell's services deserved recognition, beyond the annual salary he receives as secretary of the society, and a testimonial was accordingly decided on. The idea was first thrown out by Mr. Sharp, of Broughton, undertook the duties of secretary to the Presentation Committee, and the appeals made in *Bell's Weekly* received a most liberal response from all classes of agriculturists in the county. Between £250 and £300 were subscribed. When about £250 of the testimonial had been collected, Mr. Lovell replied that if he received anything he should like a watch and chain, little thinking that so large a sum would be subscribed. The committee complied with his wish; they also determined to present him with a purse of money and a silver salver, bearing an appropriate inscription. A very handsome gold watch and chain, to which a locket is attached, and silver salver, were purchased of Messrs. Hunter, of Northampton, and there still remained £220 with which to fill the purse. The purse bears the following inscription:—"Presented, with a gold watch and chain, and a silver salver, as a testimony to Mr. John Mattison Lovell, Harpole, by the members of the Northamptonshire Agricultural Society, on his retirement, in recognition of his very efficient services as secretary, Northampton, 10th January, 1874." The Right Hon. G. W. Hunt had consented to make the presentation, and was never been his name, but owing to indisposition of health he was unable to be present.—Sir JOHN RENNIE, K.C.M.G., undertook the duty, and in a few words presented Mr. Lovell with a testimonial in the name of the society. (Hear, hear.) He might say it was much gratifying to him to be the medium of presentation of testimonials usually were, because Mr. Lovell would and continue in his office, and therefore the joy of making the presentation to him was not marred by the sorrow at his retirement. (Hear, hear.) He thought they were much indebted to Mr. Lovell for his abilities and devotion to all with whom he was brought in contact in discharging the duties of his office, and for the thorough business-like manner in which he conducted the affairs of the society. (Hear.) Hitherto his (the chairman's) connection with the society had been of a very intimate character, but he hoped it would be more so in the future. He was glad to see Mr. Lovell so much pleased at not, adequately express the feelings of the society towards Mr. Lovell. He would continue to remain further than to ask Mr. Lovell to accept, in the purse, containing 220 sovereigns, the watch and chain, and salver, and to acknowledge the testimonial, and he was extremely obliged for the honour and kindness shown to present Mr. Lovell with a testimonial in the name of the society. (Hear, hear.) He might say it was much gratified to see the feeling that the presentation of testimonials usually were, because Mr. Lovell would and continue in his office, and therefore the joy of making the presentation to him was not marred by the sorrow at his retirement. (Hear, hear.) He thought they were much indebted to Mr. Lovell for his abilities and devotion to all with whom he was brought in contact in discharging the duties of his office, and for the thorough business-like manner in which he conducted the affairs of the society. (Hear.) Hitherto his (the chairman's) connection with the society had been of a very intimate character, but he hoped it would be more so in the future. He was glad to see Mr. Lovell so much pleased at not