

we are not merely the denizens of a little island with its thousand miles of coast washed by the sea, but that there is no clime or portion of the world, however remote, over which our flag does not float in peace and in triumph. It is not because we wish to preserve possession of a few thousand square miles of territory that we wish the connection with the colonies to be preserved ; but because the people in those colonies have sprung from the same root, and speak the same language ; because we feel that they are a portion of our brotherhood, and, in spite of any little complaining, our hearts are warm to that people ; and it will not be our fault—if any one's, it will be theirs—if any coolness exist, or if ultimately there is any separation. (Cheers.)

The resolution was then put and carried by acclamation.

THE CHAIRMAN :—I am exceedingly obliged to my honourable friends for the kind and flattering way in which they have proposed this resolution to the meeting, and for the manner in which it has been received. I am myself entirely unconnected with the commerce of the North-American colonies ; but I know the extent to which those colonies are represented in London commercially, and I feel it a part of my public duty to give every assistance I can possibly render in furtherance of the interests of those colonies. With regard to those colonies, I may perhaps be allowed to express a hope that their attentions with regard to the Association may not be so “*unremitting*” as they have been hitherto.

The meeting then separated.