

closing in the great cities of Great Britain and Ireland:—

### EARLY CLOSING ASSOCIATION.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, 21, FLEET STREET.

"The Committee of the Assistant Drapers' Early Closing Association, beg to return their most grateful thanks to the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, and Public of Dublin, for the kind and generous support so readily tendered to them, in the struggle to resist the lately attempted inroad on their privileges by Messrs. Todd, Burns & Co., and particularly to the several philanthropic gentlemen who volunteered their support at a public meeting of the citizens (should such have been deemed necessary to accomplish their object).

Thanks to the very warm sympathy of almost all classes of the citizens of Dublin, the attempted retrogressive movement has been crushed in its infancy.

They also, in an especial manner, return their thanks to those numerous and influential parties from whom they received letters of encouragement, and expressing their full approval of the judicious, temperate, and straightforward manner in which the whole proceedings connected with the movement were conducted.

The Committee feel truly happy at this successful termination of their labor, and tender their most sincere thanks to the Press, and the enlightened and liberal Firms who have stood by them and supported them throughout their arduous struggle.

Signed on behalf of Committee,

H. M. SHAW, *Chairman.*

STEWART WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

3d Mo., 12th, 1850."

This, you will observe, was only in March last year.

In the city of Glasgow, too, there was recently a grand demonstration in favor of early shop shutting, when a grand soirée was given in the City Hall, which was crowded with a brilliant assemblage of both sexes, and the platform occupied by the most wealthy and influential citizens. The Honorable Sir James Anderson, Lord Provost, in the Chair. The speeches of his lordship, and of the Rev. Dr. Craik and Dr. Symington, which I have before me, would well repay your attention, if time permitted, to read them; and would, I believe, leave a better impression on your minds than what I have got to say myself. I will