

ORATION.

GENTLEMEN OF THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY:—

You have lately effected an organization in this city of a kindred spirit and purpose to that of the other national societies which have so long existed here. In the preamble to your Constitution and By-laws you state that “in view of the fact that the number of persons of American [*i. e.* United States] origin has become comparatively large, and is constantly increasing in this Province, it has been thought advisable to form a Society in this city to be called the New England Society, to be composed of all such persons and their descendants as may be disposed to unite for the purpose of promoting kindly feelings amongst its members; for assisting those of their fellow-countrymen who may be in need, and of cherishing the traditions and remembrances of the country of their birth.” The three objects of your Society here specified, are proper and honorable objects: to promote kindness of feeling to aid the destitute, and to cherish the traditions and remembrances of your native land.