



## APPENDIX.

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**S**OME extracts from Mr. Cyrus Field's speech at the Banquet given to him, under the presidency of the Duke of Argyll, in Willis's Rooms, London, on Wednesday, July 1st, 1868, can hardly fail to interest the reader.

In proposing Mr. Field's health, the Duke said :—

"I believe the success of this enterprise would have been delayed for many years—perhaps for whole generations of men—had it not been for the single exertions, for the confidence and zeal, for the foresight and faith, amounting as I think to genius, of our distinguished guest, Mr. Cyrus Field.....Of all commercial enterprises which have ever been undertaken, this one on the part of Mr. Cyrus Field represents the noblest and purest motives by which commercial enterprise can ever be inspired. I believe it was the very greatness of the project—the great results which were certain to issue—I believe it was this, and this alone, which supported him with that confidence and decision which, through many difficulties and many disappointments, has carried him at last to the triumphant conclusion of this great project.....Let me also say this—and this is a point which I have ascertained from other sources—I believe so great was the confidence of Mr. Field in the triumph of this great undertaking, that he risked every farthing of his own private fortune in promoting its success. On these grounds, ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to drink his health. But on one other ground also I ask you to drink it—and that is this, that he is personally one of the most genial and kindly hearted of men. At a time when his country was in great difficulty, and when many Americans thought at least they had something to complain of in the tone of English