

## THE EARLY CLOSING MOVEMENT.

There are many parties who no doubt view the present movement with suspicion, and look upon it with an air of contempt; and who, because it does not affect themselves, will not strain a nerve in order that others may reap the benefit. "Every man mind his own business," is an adage the truth of which, in its proper meaning, we do not mean to dispute. But nevertheless we hold it to be the duty of every respectable member of society, to do as much good as he possibly can; and he who exerteth himself the most in bettering the condition of those around him—is the best man: and he will experience that felicitous feeling of inward satisfaction, which his more selfish neighbour never enjoys.

The spreading of knowledge, of civilization, and general enlightenment, together with an improved physiological condition, are a few of the happy results, which will be viewed with pleasure by those philanthropic minds who interest themselves in the cause.

It will be their felicitous contemplation to view with delight, the rapidly improving condition of many of their fellow-creatures. And is such a feeling not a sufficient stimulant for exertion? Yes! many a movement much less pregnant with good has been taken under the fostering care of the highest consideration, tended, and brought to a state of maturity.

This movement in Britain however, has been aided and supported by parties at once the most eminent, and influential. And such benevolent examples, we would at once hold up to those among us who may be actuated by a similar spirit; and to those who are not—as it may be the means of stimulating them to exertion.

Lord John Russell himself has occupied the chair at a meeting in Exeter Hall, for the purpose of bringing about a decrease in the extent of business hours.

Sir Robert Peel and Lord Brougham, it will be seen from the following extract, were expected to be present at

the Anniversary of the Manchester Early Closing Association. There are also other names high in the literature of their country; who although it was out of their power to grace such a meeting with their presence, nevertheless heartily concur and sympathize in all its objects.

Indeed the highest dignitaries of the Church, seem to be vying with the highest functionaries of the State, in lending their meed of approbation, to such a commendable and praise-worthy object. Such are some of the names identified with the progress of such a glorious cause. Men, some of whom we may say have the affairs of the Empire in their hands, and notwithstanding can find sufficient time to countenance such a meeting with their presence. Such exemplary conduct cannot fail to shew that those eminent individuals know the benefits accruing, and the good emanating, from such a source. They do not seem to be actuated by that spirit of superiority, which persons of a less dignified station too frequently assume. The true spirit of philanthropy seems to breathe through their breasts. And their souls seem to be fired with that scriptural truth; Do to thy neighbour as thou would to thyself.

Connected as many noble names have been with this movement from its infancy; they have not failed to excite a spirit of emulation every where at home. We most earnestly trust that it may extend its influence to this City, where it may be the means of stirring up our leading men to lend their aid in carrying out such a desirable object.

The following is the extract to which we have referred.—

"We are glad to be able to give the following intelligence which issued from the Early Closing Association yesterday morning:—"Sir Rob't. Peel and Lord Brougham.—Early Closing Association Soiree." The committee beg to announce, that they have