

The Rev. WILLIAM BOULTON, in seconding the vote of thanks to the President, moved by P. PERRY, Esquire, spoke as follows:—

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I am sure it gives me as much pleasure as it can any one here present to second the motion of the worthy Gentleman who has just sat down, and in doing so, I feel confident that I do but express the sentiments and feelings not only of the present Company but of every well wisher to the cause which we have assembled to promote.

It is one of the most amiable features in the dispensations which the Almighty is pleased to hold with his creatures from time to time upon that subject which most nearly concerns them, that of religion, that he makes men the instruments of their own improvement—the benefit is not bestowed through the intervention of angels or any other being of a higher nature than ourselves—much corruption as there may be in us yet we have feelings and sentiments that shew our divine origin, and these are left us to be exercised, improved spiritualized by being associated together in promoting one another's everlasting benefit; and when the dignity of worldly station is for the time forgotten and time and talent are zealously revoked to the sacred cause of religion, it is then that the feelings and sentiments I have alluded to shew themselves in perfection, and high and low are then bound together more strongly than even by the reciprocal ties of love and gratitude.

I therefore concur most cordially in the object of the present Resolution because I think it a tribute of gratitude justly due to the Hon. Gentleman who has presided over this Society with so much benefit to its interests and so much credit to himself.