

an honour to be named the Patron of such works, and can only renew my request that I may be informed when and in what manner I can be useful to this Institution.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble servant,

DALHOUSIE.

Mr. WM. LUNN.

Your Committee was persuaded that there will be but one feeling in the society, and that an intense feeling of satisfaction and gratitude for His Excellency's great kindness in his condescending to become the Patron of this Institution.

Your Committee flatter themselves that their constituents will participate in the pleasure which they cannot but indulge, while they contemplate the success, with which the institution has been favoured by an allwise and beneficent Providence, thus far. But they would by no means cherish that species of complacency, in that which has already been achieved, which would induce either them or you to rest satisfied without renewed and persevering exertion.

We have only to look around, to be convinced of the vastness of the field which yet remains to be occupied—with the herculean labour, yet to be performed, in order to furnish the human mind with even a moderate degree of cultivation, in useful knowledge and the principles of virtue.—Our past success must only be allowed to delight us by the reflection that the end which we propose, is proved to be attainable, and that its accomplishment may be confi-

dently anticipated. Our gratification must arise, not from the hope of ceasing to labour but from the certain prospect of labouring with success; that moral darkness and its consequent irregularities, rudeness and destitution of comfort, shall be removed, and that, in the use of proper means, that faithful Providence on whom we ought to rely for success, will fulfil his promise and "make darkness light before us, and crooked things straight."

Your Committee feel persuaded that that principle of benevolence which has animated you in pursuing this important object in your own city, and which has rendered you susceptible of being attracted this evening to one common centre, must make it proportionably interesting to you, to hear that the cause of education, which is indeed the cause of truth, is making rapid progress among your brethren of mankind of almost all other nations.—But to give only a glance at the great work which is in operation, we must ascend in imagination and take up an aerial position at some convenient distance from the earth, and mark the progress of the nations spread over the face of the globe as it rolls beneath us.

"In Ireland the system has been widely and very favourably received; and from the liberality of its principle, it has been declared by the Commission appointed by Parliament, (consisting of the Lord Primate, several Bishops and other distinguished characters;) to be peculiarly adapted for that country as keeping clear of all interference with the particu-