

on rises in his power. The strength of the oppressor is wasted, and his terrific form vanishes away. The blessings of heaven begin again to descend upon the earth, reviving the hearts of men, and filling them with joy and gladness.

When contemplating these wonders which the Lord hath wrought in the earth, it may be allowed also to take notice of that union which we are this day met to celebrate. As that union has now been accomplished in such a way as cannot in any shape affect in the least the dignity, or the honour of the parties concerned ; all that we have now to do, is to forget that there ever has been a time when this union did not exist ; and let it be the aim of every one to shew, that he feels the value of that knowledge which he has acquired ; and that he is aware of the worth of those sentiments by which he is actuated.

As our union now rests upon a community of knowledge, and of those sentiments which that knowledge inspires ; let us attend to that improvement which this union of knowledge and of sentiment demands of us. This improvement will be promoted by keeping steadily in view the following particulars.

In the first place, our duty to our maker,