

"The occasion may not inappropriately suggest to our minds the words of the Prophet—

*'Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation.*

*'Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet.'*—Isa. xxviii. 16, 17."

The Lord Bishop then spoke to the following effect :—

*"Sir William Colebrooke and Gentlemen,*

"It affords me the highest gratification to hear from your Excellency, sentiments to which every Christian heart must respond, and to find myself, on this eventful day, surrounded by the Judges and Law Officers of the Province, by Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and by men high in station in the Province, and distinguished for their talents, who have, with a unanimity worthy of the occasion, come forward to support this great undertaking. The building a Cathedral in this Province may in some sense be called a National work : for whatever reflects the genius, the piety, and the glory of England, adds lustre to the nation from which the original idea is derived. It is in many other respects important ; not only as a national type of the unity of the Church, but as a consecration to God on the part of man of all those gifts which God has been pleased to vouchsafe to him. For when do we glorify God so much as when we consider nothing to be properly our own, when we look upon all as His, lent to us for our use, but to be given back to Him, the