

were superior. The other circumstance was, that in those points in which we were found to be inferior, it would cause fresh exertions to be made, and greater improvements to pass through all our various manufactures. In furtherance of the general design, he believed it to be absolutely necessary that a local committee should be appointed, and he begged leave to propose that a local committee be formed, for the purpose of corresponding with the society of arts in London, and giving effective co-operation in the great and comprehensive design proposed, to take place in 1851, and that the following gentlemen be the committee, with power to add to their number, namely:—The Mayor and Sheriff, *ex-officio*, Sir J. P. Boileau, Bart., the Magistrates of Norwich, Mr. J. Sultzer, Mr. R. W. Blake, Mr. E. Blakely, Mr. T. Brightwell, Mr. J. Geldart, Mr. W. Stark, Mr. J. Barwell, the Rev. A. B. Power; and that Mr. R. Lemau and Mr. H. Willett, be the honorary secretaries.

Mr. R. W. BLAKE seconded the motion, which was carried *unanimously*.

The Hon. and Very Rev. the DEAN suggested, that, as the Mayor's term of office would soon expire, Mr. Bignold's name should be added to the committee.—It was explained, that, the Mayor being a magistrate, was in the list.

The Marquis of Douro moved the next resolution; that the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to the deputation from the London society of arts, for their attendance on this day; and also for the communications which they had afforded. He thought there could be no difference of opinion on this resolution. They must all feel obliged to those gentlemen for the clear and candid exposition they had given; and the outline they had presented of the views of his Royal Highness. They would return thanks to the deputation; but, at the same time, they must feel the utmost gratitude to his Royal Highness, for the manner in which he had brought the subject forward. He believed, that the proposed exhibition must be important to this country, and to all the manufacturing interests of the world; and if it should happen, that while they were improving the manufactures of this country, that other countries might pick up a few crumbs of advantage, they ought to recollect, that after all they were only enriching their own customers.

Major General Sir ROBERT JOHN HARVEY seconded the resolution; which, he believed, would be in accordance with the sentiments of the meeting, and of the citizens at large.

The MAYOR, having put the resolution, declared it carried.

Mr. DILKE returned thanks on the part of the deputation.

The Hon. and Very Rev. the DEAN felt extremely grateful, that a resolution had been placed in his hands, as it afforded him an opportunity of expressing the zeal and earnestness with which he entered into this great design, and his admiration of that Prince, from whose profound wisdom and expansive benevolence it emanated. He was not deeply acquainted with the subject; but he could not help perceiving, that this plan must be a great benefit to our own and foreign countries; and that by the interchange of friendly acts of kindness, it would tend greatly to promote the cause of peace, on which the happiness of the world entirely depended. [Applause.] He could not help feeling, that they were greatly indebted to his Royal Highness on every occasion; and he believed from his heart, that his Royal Highness, by his manly graces and virtues, and refined taste and attention, had succeeded in rendering the Queen the happiest married woman in the empire.—[Several married gentlemen, *sotto voce*, expressed their dissent from this opinion; being inclined to think, that their own wives, as married women, were quite as happy.]—He concluded, by moving, that the resolutions of this meeting be published in the Norwich papers.

Mr. T. BRIGHTWELL seconded the motion; and alluded to the School of Design in this and other towns, which schools, he considered, very beneficial and as likely to produce important results.

The MAYOR observed, that the deputation might carry away the cordial concurrence of the meeting in the objections of the society. It appeared to him, that the project was a practicable one. He did not see any objection to it, and the advantages likely to result from it were very great indeed. He hoped, that all present would unite to promote it. With regard to funds, he was quite ready, when the proper time came, to contribute his share, and he hoped his fellow citizens would do their part.

Sir J. P. BOILEAU, as President of the School of Design, stated, that a lad who had been a student there, had made such progress in drawing, that he was recommended to Alderman Copeland, and sent to a manufacturing district. He was looked upon coldly at first, and he had low wages; but at a recent contest for prizes in the School of Design there, he became a competitor; and obtained the first prize; in consequence, he received a considerable addition, 4s. or 5s. he believed, to his weekly wages.

Capt. INGARSON moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor, for his zealous co-operation, and assistance in the objects of the deputation; and for his dignified and impartial conduct in the chair. The Capt. remarked, that there were persons who had money and time at their command, so that they could travel to the manufacturing districts, and see things, and improve their mind; but the humbler classes, who had neither time nor money to spare, could not do so; and, therefore, a large exhibition, which combined the products of the whole world, was an advantage to them; it enabled them to see things that they were not aware of, and to learn a great deal.

Mr. DILKE seconded the motion; and he hoped, that when the time for the exhibition arrived, the local committee would make every effort to induce the Railway Companies to facilitate the conveyance of their poorer brethren to London.

The vote of thanks having been carried by acclamation, the MAYOR acknowledged the compliment, and the meeting separated.