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This Work is inscribed
TO
THE NOBLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN
PRESENT AT
MR. PEABODY'S DINNER,
AND TO ALL OTHER PROMOTERS OF INTERNATIONAL
COURTESY AND GOOD WILL
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
GREAT BRITAIN.



The Loving Cup.



THE Dinner reported in the following pages was given by MR. PEABODY with the double purpose of manifesting his respect for the Gentlemen who were his guests, and of fostering brotherly love, and cementing yet closer the re-union, between England and America. With this view he selected, as the spot where it should take place, the London Coffee House, Ludgate Hill, where more than three quarters of a century ago FRANKLIN and his friend STRAHAN used to meet and discuss in a friendly way, over a chop, the affairs of the Colonies, and devise means for reconciliation and friendship between them and the Mother Country.

The Gentlemen, both Englishmen and Americans who sat down to this Dinner, among whom was one of the descendants of FRANKLIN himself, all participated in the feelings of MR. PEABODY, if we may judge by the friendly sentiments expressed by all the

speakers of that evening. The proceedings of this international entertainment, though but very imperfectly reported, were noticed and favourably commented upon, by many of the leading journals of the Metropolis. Considering therefore the importance which has thus justly been given to the affair, many Gentlemen, both of this Country and my own, have thought it deserved a more permanent form than the columns of a daily paper. I have accordingly at their suggestion, and with the permission of MR. PEABODY, undertaken to prepare a full and corrected account of it; and in doing so have been kindly assisted by the several Gentlemen who spoke at the Dinner, and have been favoured with the advice of others interested in it.

I venture to hope that this little book will, in some degree, be instrumental in strengthening that bond of moral and friendly union between England and America which it was the wish of FRANKLIN'S heart to establish, and is and ever will be MR. PEABODY'S aim to perpetuate.

HENRY STEVENS,
of Vermont.

Morley's Hotel, London,
Nov. 20, 1851.