

Well, gentlemen, the raw material was in court, and when there, "its unanimity," as Scrub says in the Critic, "was wonderful." The resolutions I have been commenting on were proposed and seconded; and from their tenor I did expect to obtain much valuable political information as to Scotland and Aberdeenshire. But I was wrong; for, Gentlemen of the Majority, there was not one of you adduced a single argument in support of your resolutions. Nay you forgot to answer Mr. Patrick Bannerman, when he stated some statistical facts against them. You certainly spoke much against the bill; but you will observe, that though you had proved the bill to be wrong, it did not necessarily follow that your resolutions were right. Your resolutions did in fact meet with no consideration whatever, and I have already shown them to be quite worthy of that consideration.

Gentlemen, there was an excellent suggestion thrown out by Mr. Hugh Lumsden, in his speech. He said, that the Scottish Universities should be represented; and I ask you, Gentlemen of the Majority, why you did not add this suggestion to your resolutions? You have no excuse; for, supported as you were by the raw material, you could, if you had pleased, have carried that paper votes were held in great estimation in the moon. But ye cared not for the Universities.

Believe me, Gentlemen, that I have not set down aught in malice; for there was nothing, with the exception of Col. Fraser's speech, passed at the meeting which could offend any man, whatever principles as to reform he might entertain. I confess, however, that I was, and still am, nettled at the Colonel's uncourteous speech, because