

rent, 'midst the struggles of his calling, exults only in the idea that one of his race is exempted from the condition to which the rest are doomed, and by his virtues and reputation reflects honour on the name, and on a growing fortune, — This stranger, in a strange land, more to be pitied than all his generation, is, perhaps, stretched on the bed of languishing, and left to shiver and to burn, through all the varieties of the ague's cold and the fever's heat, destitute of the ministrations for which kindred were given us. In his distress, even the humane do not feel themselves so much interested in his fortune as to step forward in his behalf, under the double hazard of delivering their names to the malice of slander by assuming the office of conducting his business, and of incurring the still more dangerous consequence of becoming responsible for his property to his creditors and heirs. In this situation money is but of small avail. It cannot purchase a heart, and the attentions which it buys are altogether of an inferior and coarser kind. The persons who nurse the sick for wages cannot approach their bed with that tenderness of sympathy and that confidence of affection which the nearer relations of life inspire. It is not their office to watch and to prevent the rising wishes of the soul; to wipe the cold sweat from the brow; to clasp the trembling hand, and hold the aching head; to mark and to feel the rollings of the eye; to receive the secret bitterness of the heart, in which a stranger cannot intermeddle; and to mingle with the balm of friendship and of piety the inestimable cup of Christian consolation. This is not colouring; it is not half the truth. Could I lead you through the different habitations of the emigrant and the adventurer, from the vertical sun of India to the polar frosts of Labradore, and enumerate, as I turned from every sick man's bed, the symptoms of his disease and the attendance he enjoyed, I should soon convince you how much is suffered by that description of men in this season of exigence.

THE heart-felt sympathies of tender union are incommunicable; and even this institution, with all its nationality, can supply them but in part. But what can be supplied, is done most effectually. In the land of strangers it brings to the bed of the distressed and the friendless the countenance of a countryman, a voice and an accent which is known. I have witnessed with joy, and I record with gladness, your unwearied care in procuring a succession of attendants, and your meritorious condescension in performing the humble offices that a sick bed requires. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on this part of your conduct, and it has originated, I believe, with this institution. The beneficial effects of it have
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