

anity, so that "all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed."* The supposed impracticability of working an extensive reform among a description of men more particularly exposed to the evils of ignorance, and the seductions of vice, may furnish to indolence or indifference a specious pretext for inaction. But Charity, sustained and directed by the principles of duty and faith, is not easily discouraged, and never despairs: her ardour and energy will quicken and kindle in the struggle with difficulty; her strength will increase with exertion; her skill will be perfected by experience. Confiding in the goodness of her motives, her end, and her means, she will never relax her endeavours to accomplish a task, which, if sovereignty be granted to nations in trust for the benefit of mankind, may seem to have been specially assigned, by the dispensations of Providence, to this favoured country. The joint obligations of gratitude, of wisdom, of duty, imperiously require our hearty concurrence to the apparent destination of Heaven: nor shall we escape an indelible stain of national guilt and disgrace, if,

* Isaiah, lxi. 9.