

The things needful for the body have been dispensed by this Institution to many a destitute brother and sister, and they have been told to *depart in peace*, with something more than the empty expression of good will,—enabled indeed in many instances to depart back to their own country in peace, when all their stay, through the visitation of God, had failed them in this. It is *his* ordinance that poverty and suffering should exist, that *the poor should never cease out of the land*, and it is to the hands in which his own goodness has reposed the means, that he commits the task of dispensing relief. That is one direct, positive and leading object of *our* having much, in some cases, while others have little or have nothing. Whatever bounty you confide to the administration of the Society whose cause I am appointed to plead, will faithfully and efficiently be applied for these ends; and you will, *so far*, have done your part. God has given you all—given it you without claim on your side—given it you in spite of manifold offences against him: God has given you *his son*, and if you will *believe in Him*, has, in him, given you *everlasting life*. Will you grudge to that God, the little which is now asked of you in his name for your suffering brethren in the world?—Will you calculate and measure and hesitate and begin to think of many calls upon you, and repress a disposition which may rise within you to be liberal, by a counter recollection of some worldly objects of selfish gratification which you have in view?—Then do not give at all. Do not give so to God. The lame and the refuse, he will not accept in sacrifice. *An offering of a free heart will I give thee*, says the holy Psalmist. *Freely ye have received*, says the Saviour of the world,—*freely*