

Jesus cannot but be influenced to pity and relieve the distressed by the example of Him who, "though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor that we through his poverty might be rich." You may say that, considering the national capacity for getting on in the world, it must be their own fault if any of our countrymen are needy. That is very likely true; but it is not true that we are only to help the faultless. That is not the principle upon which God Himself acts, and I am quite sure it is not that by which He would have us govern ourselves. Business is likely to be dull, and work consequently scarce this winter in Montreal, and, therefore, the Charitable Committee of the Society will probably have greater demands upon them than ever before. Recognizing this fact, let your benefactions to-day and throughout the season be proportionately liberal. Remember that he who "pitieth the poor, lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again." Pity their distresses for their own sake, for their country's sake, for Christ's sake.—  
Amen.

