

thine hand wide unto thy Brother, to thy poor and to thy needy in the Land." Now, however this may be the duty of the male class of the race, one thing is certain, that it opens a large and useful door for female action, influence and usefulness. It is not enough that you visit the poor; but if you mean to carry your influence out, it must be employed in soliciting the means of relief from the wealthy, and those that are able to aid you in this great christian duty—and for your encouragement, consider the promise of God. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing; Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness." Ps. 41. 1, 3. "If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul, then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day." Isaiah 58, 10. These with ten thousand other promises, are given as encouragements to us, to aid and help us in this great work of benevolence and usefulness. Here again, is a great and open door for female usefulness and influence. And while she is stretching out her hand in charity, a suitable opportunity offers to drop a word of instruction, that may strike an influence through eternity.

3—THE SICK OF THE CHURCH.

This is another portion of the heritage that calls for the special care and sympathy of the church, and in which the female can be most advantageously employed. Her very nature and sympathies qualify her in a very eminent degree for the God-like undertaking. In sickness the heart generally feels tender, and however deaf the ear may be to the voice of wisdom and religion in health and prosperity, it will generally listen to the voice of instruction on the bed of languishing. "In trouble they will visit him, and pour out a prayer when his chastening is upon them." There is no per-