

bounty. None, none among us, I am persuaded, will be ready to murmur because some charitable appeals may accidentally come close together, or to fling back upon the Church the words of our text and to say that *she* is a *daughter of the horseleech* saying *give, give*. We do say, on behalf of the Church and in maintenance of this or that plea which she commissions us to put forth, we do say *give give*. But we say it in a happy sense. There are continual calls upon a christian: it is a part of the system in which he moves: let him bless God for the opportunities of good put in his way. O what can we do better, what happier for ourselves, than to *give*, out of the means with which God, not according to our desert but according to his mercy, has blessed us that we may advance his cause or comfort and help his suffering creatures upon earth?—Let us cultivate the maxim, let us cherish the sentiment which we have been taught by HIM who *gave* to us what none other could do,—of Him who *gave himself* for our salvation, —that **IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THEN TO RECEIVE.**