

The word of Inspiration informs us that the poor is hated even of his own neighbour ; but the rich hath many friends. This, like most general rules, admits of exceptions. The poor, however, have the gospel preached unto them as well as the rich, and the former most commonly embrace the glad tidings of salvation through the preaching of the unsearchable riches of Christ. This renders them truly estimable, being thereby made rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom of heaven.

Mercy and compassion bestowed on the poor, God deems as done to himself : see Math, 25ch, 34—40. It is painful to have to remark that several firm friends of the Institution have, from the necessity they were under of quitting this country, with one illustrious exception, withheld their donations. May this circumstance operate as a stimulus to others to enlarge their benefactions and so help forward an establishment, embracing in its humble means of relief the distressed and indigent of every sect and party in this community.

By the benevolent and gratuitous exertions of the Ladies who assemble annually for the express purpose of relieving the distresses of the poor, 178 Garments were made and impartially distributed, in the course of the last unusually severe winter, to the most necessitous of the poor—the materials for which were supplied by Merchants and others, whose feelings were tenderly alive to