

strongest feelings of interest, and approbation; without an anxiously impatient desire to contribute to support,—and, as far as it may be practicable, to enlarge,—those means of doing good, which have been hitherto so skilfully, and so successfully applied.

Of the disposition of those, who have already befriended the Society, it would, in the highest degree, be ungracious, and unjust, to doubt. Casual acts of bounty, proceeding upon no fixed principle, and preserving no consistency of purpose, could neither rise to the dignity of virtue, nor deserve the praise of liberality: could neither afford just ground of satisfaction in the immediate act, nor lay up comfort for future recollection.—Such will not be the character of your benevolence.—You will not suffer the complexion of your charity to fade, with the first gloss of novelty; nor let the warmth of your good will abate, as the objects are familiarized, that brought it into action.

And you,—to whom the consideration of this subject may in some degree be new,—