

their inheritance in Christ, to stand upon their guard when mixed in the proceedings of this association : but so it is in a multitude of other affairs in which they are lawfully and perhaps laudably engaged in life. With reference to the *latter*, i. e. the prejudice to be apprehended as likely to ensue to the comprehensive character of christian charity, it is not seen in other cases, that charitable undertakings which are founded for special objects or formed for the exclusive benefit of particular classes and descriptions of human beings, such as asylums for the fatherless or the widow, institutions for the blind, associations for the extinction of slavery, the relief of distressed mariners, or the care of other particular interests, have the slightest tendency to blunt our feelings of compassion or cripple our exertions for suffering humanity at large ; and in the same way, I do not imagine that our connection with a society instituted with the view of knitting the attachments of Englishmen to their parent land, and assisting English strangers who may be found upon our shores in distress, will prompt us to forget that *God has made of one blood all the nations of the earth, to pass by on the other side*, if we witness the spectacle of want and woe exhibited in the person of one whose national extraction, and perhaps whose language and religion also, differ from our own, or to close the hand of charity against his appeal, and throw overboard his claim upon our compassion, unless we can sufficiently identify him with ourselves after demanding of him as the mariners demanded of Jonah, *what is thine occupation ? and whence comest thou ? what is thy country ? and of what people art thou ?*

There is indeed a principle of discrimination to be ob-