

iniquitous and useless lives, or hide one of the multitude of their sins. May the Almighty in His great mercy open their ears to wisdom and their hearts to understanding ere He calls them from this life of evil and temptation. The more we think on the prodigality of those stores entrusted more or less to man for the prudent and useful benefit of all, the more must we ever censure such lavishers of them. If they have a spark of that grateful and delightful feeling in their hearts that good men have when they perform a good and generous action, an approving conscience, they would acknowledge 'twas beyond all the satiating luxury and empty pomp this world could bestow. There is an inward satisfaction in doing a benevolent act without ostentation that a good man would not barter if he could for wealth. Innumerable are the opportunities my friends of thus indulging such gratifications. If we do not meet them immediately under our own eyes or even in our daily walks, still if we have the will to learn we too truly shall find out the abodes of penury and disease,

The lowly, glorious and blessed Jesus, the Redeemer of us miserable sinners, condescended to minister consolation to the afflicted of every description, Will men then that were lost and condemned but for the sufferings of their Saviour refuse to follow His Heavenly example or think it a shame or reproach to them and beneath their dignity to be found alleviating the distresses of the poor and needy. If of such we are ashamed, I fear our Lord will pronounce at the dreadful Day of Trial an irrevocable sentence, the awful and condemning words, when we would vainly excuse ourselves, "Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, I know you not, ye are none of mine." Awful, truly awful indeed, will be such a declaration.

Let us then my friends in time bring forth fruits meet for repentance, for every sin we may have thoughtlessly or wilfully committed. Hear the declaration of the most patient man in the depth of his affliction: "When the ear heard me then it blessed me." The heart I would wish cheered by your present bounty is that of a widow, and a help'less, young and numerous family. She lost her husband soon after her arrival, she still had a son, he also