

a pillow on which to recline their afflicted heads—a being, who, in the midst of his domestic circle, convened in cheerful innocence around his blazing hearth, is not awakened by the whistling of the northern blast around his peaceful dwelling, to the recollection that there are those without, whose mournful scenes of misery are not enlightened by even the glimmering of an almost expended candle, nor warmed by the heat of a dying ember—a being, who, indulging in all the luxuriance of a crowded table, forgets there are those who have not wherewith to appease their own calls of hunger, nor those of their children around them—a being, making pretensions to the name of *man*, or to that still more exalted name of *christian*, who can see his fellow creature pining away in affliction and want, and not give for his relief a little of that abundance with which a bountiful providence has blessed him—if such there be, let him remember that this is a changing scene of things, and that he, who, *to day* possesses this world's goods in abundance, forgetful that the poor are a legacy bequeathed to the rich by Him who made them both, may, *to-morrow*, by an act of that providence, which “putteth down one and setteth up another,” and to which he has proved so ungrateful, be hurled from the pinnacle of comfort and affluence, to the necessity of craving that charity which he now denies to others, the recollection of which will only serve to increase, in a tenfold degree, his own misery and pain;—let him remember that the enjoyment of health and strength *to day*, is no security against the shafts of disease and sickness *to-morrow*; and while he is pondering upon this, let him recollect that the language of inspiration is “*Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble.—The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth; and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.—The Lord will*

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