

delayed.—Though I have been so situated that I have not had much to do with the poor or the sick of this city, yet my professional duties as a Clergyman have occasionally brought me into contact with cases, which I have had much reason to deplore.—Persons afflicted with acute diseases, or suffering under severe accidents have come in from different parts of the surrounding country, in full expectation of immediate admission into a Hospital upon application to a Minister of the Church to which they belong. Judge then, if you can, of their disappointment, when they are told, that their cases are such as fall not within the limits prescribed, or that they must wait an indefinite time, till circumstances will admit of their reception.—Many, to my certain knowledge, have returned with the consciousness of utter desitution added to their complaint; a feeling of despair from any human means has overtaken them, and they have shortly closed a life of misery and pain, which adequate public means, conducted with philanthropy and christian love, would probably, under the divine blessing, have prolonged, perhaps to the spiritual good as well as the bodily comfort of the patients, and to the great joy and advantage of surviving relatives and friends.—The importance of the subject must be my apology for dwelling on it so long, or indeed for introducing it at all—my object will be gained, and happy shall I feel, if public attention should be called to so material a part of public charity for the relief of our poorer brethren, and those full means of medical treatment and personal comfort be provided, which those who are placed in the higher walks of life, I hold are bound by all the means in their power to promote, and the poor in a christian land especially have a right to expect.

To return from this digression.—Human society is so constituted by the Almighty Governor of the universe, that all from the highest to the lowest stand in need one of the other.—It may be compared to a chain—break but one link, and the whole chain's destroyed.—(1) “The eye might as well say to the hand, I have

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