

more pressing calls. Since God in his providence kindly permits us to sit peaceably under our own vine and fig tree, are we not called upon to extend a helping hand to those who are exposed to cruel persecution? Several leading men in Toronto have agreed to take charge of any subscriptions that may be given, and to forward such to the proper quarter. If any of our readers in the country feel it their duty to give something for this important object, we shall be glad to take charge of it, and place it in the hands of those who will forward it to Dr. Kalley:

TO THE REV. ROBERT BURNS, D. D.

NEW YORK, 10th October, 1853.

MY DEAR SIR,—

I feel that you will excuse me for writing to beg your attention to the case of the poor Protestants in Madeira, now threatened with the combined evils of famine and persecution. They are afraid to meet together, by day or by night as the laws against worshipping God in any form but the Popish are very severe and worthy of that power at Rome from whence they emanated. They cannot marry legally without observing rules which their consciences condemn. They have no education for their little ones, without having them crammed with Popish fictions. And if one attempts to expose the soul destroying delusions of Rome, or state the way of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ, he may for these crimes be subjected to a long and horrible imprisonment.

British Christians on the Island, who hitherto have opposed emigration, wishing to keep all the good seed there was in that barren land, now write, urging that their poor brethren should be assisted to flee to some place where they may serve God without fear. They are themselves very eager to do so, and have written, pleading for help in very touching terms. I felt that my relationship to them rendered it especially my duty to seek help for them, and I have endeavoured to do so. The sum required to aid the two hundred, of whom a list was made out by the British Christians, (who for years have taken a deep interest in them, and who take care that the persons assisted are the proper objects of Christian sympathy) is about \$6,000, of which one-half is subscribed. Will you try to interest your citizens in the case, and obtain some help for it? It is a peculiar one, and one in which Christians in more favoured lands may feel pleasure in shew-

ing gratitude for their own privilege, in aiding the sufferers. The prospect of famine this year is as dark as in 1852.— These persons seem to have an especial claim upon our sympathy as Protestants, and by being—besides partaking in the general distress—exposed to the operation of tyrannical laws, which were probably enacted expressly for Madeira, as there seem to be no others in the Portuguese dominions to whom they could be applicable.

I intend to pass the winter among the Refugees in Illinois, as they seem to be, in this age, important witnesses for Protestant truth; and my presence may, by God's blessing, help to encourage and strengthen them. May I request a line, mentioning if you will be able to assist? My address is, "Care of J. Osborne, Esq., 111 Wall Street, New York;" but we go West as soon as arrangements are completed for helping these people away from Madeira. Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

ROBERT R. KALLEY.

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