

Concert. We do not think that the allusion is strained if we turn to the facts made known since his death, and now a part of the history of the country. The correspondence between himself and the late Duke of Wellington in which from high principle he refused the offer of assuming the command of the British Army, with which evidently his mind was deeply captivated, shews that the nation held no exaggerated language concerning his wisdom and goodness. The act itself is not simply of value for the political sagacity it displays, but it penetrates into every home a bright and dignified example of honesty of purpose and abnegation of self. For years it will work a silent but powerful influence with men of less brilliant stations teaching cheerful unselfishness, and it will further inculcate that high morality and sense of chivalrous honour, without which after all even great powers are unavailing. While such a spirit as this actuates the rulers of England, there is every certainty of her holding her prestige in the world's history and little dread of her future.

The Christmas distribution of meat and bread, so that the English poor could obtain the means of dining in plenty on Christmas Day, took place in the store of Mr. George Harding, King Street West. Mr. Harding having with much kindness given the use of his store gratuitously. The expense is not a charge on the income of the Society, but is met by voluntary contributions. A list of the subscribers are appended, by which it appears that the total amount collected was \$630.65. Six years have now elapsed since the first distribution was made, and as it has by prescription, and by its success, attained to the importance of a custom, the Committee express the hope that their successors will see that it is maintained in full vigour. Great care was taken in the organization of 1862, that no delay should occur in serving the many applicants. The

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