

hitherto been deficient in the religious duty—"Freely to give, as they have freely received."

I shall, therefore, now, (relying upon that help which cometh from above,) first, shew in part, (for time would fail me to shew to the full extent,) what, and how great the blessings are which we, as Christians and Churchmen, have freely received by means of the pious charity of others in the Parent Kingdom; and secondly, the duty incumbent upon us, freely to give those invaluable blessings to others.

1st. What the blessings are which we have received. We dare not, brethren, enter upon this division without mentioning, before every other blessing, the Gospel's joyful sound, and acknowledging (in the language of our Liturgy) as the first and greatest blessing—the obtaining a knowledge of the inestimable love of God, in the Redemption of the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ,—“the means of grace and the hope of glory!” All Christians ought ever to consider how great the blessing is, to be instructed in the religion of Christ Jesus, and also to have the opportunity of worshipping God in that way, which, after due investigation, they think the most primitive and scriptural. And this is one great blessing conferred, at first, upon our forefathers, who left their native land;—and thus long continued to us by means of the noble generosity of the Society formed in the Parent Kingdom for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts; for it cannot be denied, that to the invaluable assistance of that generous Society, in the erection of Churches—the support of Schools—the aid given to Clergymen coming out from the Mother Country, and the subsequent support afforded to those educated in our own land, the Church of our affections, under the Divine blessing, owes—if not its very existence amongst us—most certainly much, very much of its present strength and prosperity. It is therefore our happiness (principally through their charity) to enjoy the privilege of attending upon the services of a Church, founded by Christ and His Apostles; and, by the agency of the Spirit, continued to the present day; a Church—the distinguishing beauties and characteristic excellencies of whose Doctrines, Discipline, and Worship—we charitably but firmly believe to be surpassed by none on earth! A Church, whose ministering servants (humble and unworthy as they may be) claim the high and holy privilege of being, as St