

freely accorded. Succor to an unexampled extent in money, clothing and necessities of every description, has been poured out amongst our suffering people of another creed, by the Christian liberality of Protestant England ! What reason have we not then, Sons and descendants of that glorious country, to be proud of our origin, and to rejoice in our descent ! And how imperative becomes the call on every old countryman in our vicinity, to unite with our Society and thus in a foreign soil identify himself more closely with the land of his birth !

It becomes now a most gratifying part of the duty of the Board to draw your attention to the assistance which has been dispensed to the distressed natives of England and Wales, during the past year, under the able direction of the Sub-Committee of Charity,—the gentlemen composing which department of our Society merit its warmest thanks. The number of cases, in which relief proportioned to the wants of the claimant has been afforded, amounts to 44 ; and the nature of the relief includes donations in money—provisions—clothing—board and lodging—medical assistance—and especially passage home. Full details of these cases are given in the Report of the Charitable Committee approved by the Board—which Report it is customary to publish for the information of Members generally. The total sum distributed in Charity is £171 11s. 3d.—of which £65 have been allotted to the Members of the Society who were grievous sufferers by the late fires, pursuant to a vote of a General Meeting held in August last.

The Board refers with the highest satisfaction to the Reports of the Sub-Committee of Accounts, and of the

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