

great family of mankind.—A true Briton (for true Briton and true Christian I hold to be synonymous terms) will never be exclusive in his charity.—Though upon the recollection and the authority of those words of St. Paul to his son Timothy, (1) “But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel,” He may take a more active part in what relates to the interests and welfare of those, who are of the same descent, and who at the distance of several thousand miles from the land of their birth and lineage, are called by the peculiar circumstances in which they find themselves placed, to good fellowship and charitable communion; he will ever remember that the religion of Jesus Christ breathes and enjoins universal benevolence or love, that every one of the same nature with himself, black or white, bond or free, is his neighbor, and after the example of the good Samaritan will be ready without distinction to bind up the wounds, and administer to the comfort of all, who are thrown in his way, and whose situation calls for consolation and relief.—Loud and repeated for a long time past have been the complaints against promiscuous charity; efforts have been made at different times in this city to abolish it, from a conviction of the great evils with which it is accompanied, and that it as often contributes to idleness and vice, as relieves the really deserving.—We are still deficient in many charitable institutions, which are possessed by older Societies with great advantage to the whole; and those which do exist are perhaps very wisely restricted in their operations, and therefore in many instances afford to those who have occasion to apply to them either none or very limited relief.—With those it is not our intention to interfere, and God forbid we should.—Our sole object is to supply in the best way we can the deficiencies which we know do exist on these points in this community; and to such a degree were they felt, that our efforts, and those of our brethren of Scotch and

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