

It may be allowed, that in the institution of the St. George's Society, something is due to the sentiment of kindred or country. It will be a long time before the love of man as man will be powerful enough generally to warrant dispensing with the sympathies and emotions with which men have ever worshipped "the native land." These are not to be dispensed with, though history furnishes instances that prove their tendency to engender sometimes national arrogance and self-conceit; that is their abuse; but if ever there subsisted favourable conditions for their operation they subsist now and here for the blameless triumphs of the charitable national societies whose objects are generally such as I have described those of this society to be; and, therefore, the sentiment of nationality, which I think is weaker among persons of English origin, certainly less demonstrative than among most others, may surely on the present occasion be properly appealed to; is it nothing with you, that they whose wants and sufferings you are asked to relieve are your brethren from England?

Asking this question I doubt whether it will elicit from you any emotional response such as might be thought its due. Were a question of similar kind put to a Scotch Highlander his reply would give an unequivocal and cordial intimation; if put to a native of Ireland, his reply would be instantaneous and decisive; if to a native of France, it would be sufficiently express and animated. It is wonderful in what various modes the character of a people, through remote ages of their