

ring principle of Charity which seeks and keeps its object in view; that provident beneficence which appears in the foundation and endowment of hospitals and numerous institutions of a similar nature; that comprehensive philanthropy which gives rise to the association and joint exertions of private men, for various humane purposes, and dictates, for the relief of great and extensive calamity, the employment of national resources, or the general appeal to voluntary bounty---all these are exclusive distinctions of Christianity.

War itself, under the same benign influence, has gradually relaxed the sternness of its countenance, and lost many of its horrors. Compassion and forbearance find their way into the scenes of destruction, and mitigate the ravages of death. And let us be allowed to exult in saying that the soldiers of Britain shine as brightly in the example which they yield of these virtues, as in that ardour which leads them on to victory, and that calm steadiness of courage which is unequalled in the world.

The great nations of antiquity, the monuments of whose art we yet revere, and whose literature we explore with delight, held it honourable to wage wars of mere conquest.--- Their celebrated warriors were not only unsparing in retribution, but invaded, without provocation the territories of others---laid waste their countries---and carried away the flower of their armies: These wretched captives