

been frequently experienced, and are registered in a book where they will never be forgotten. In the name of that God whom we are assembled to adore, I bid you proceed in these labours of love ; I bid you proceed and prosper. If you need encouragement, listen to the Scriptures and learn your reward ; " Be not weary in well doing, for in due season you shall reap if you faint not." Persevere in the pious office. Let not ingratitude itself restrain you ; it did not restrain your Lord. Remember that here below mercy is twice blessed, once to the object of mercy, and again to the merciful ; and that hereafter it will prove your robe and your diadem in the kingdom of your Father.

In the article of death the assistance of this Society has not been wanting.

Your anxious attention, and comprehensive charity, not only relieve the wants of poverty, and alleviate the agonies of pain, they also sustain the last moments of expiration, and soothe the departing spirit with the consolatory assurance that its dust will be treated with respect and receive the honours of Christian burial.

ONE of the first, and not the least memorable, of the laws which the drum and the provost-marshal proclaimed among the mixed multitude on the beach of Chebucto, was, that on the death of a settler the justices of the peace were empowered to nominate twelve persons of the quarter to which he belonged, to accompany the funeral and deposit the corpse in the grave ; and that while the Royal allowance of provisions lasted, the name of every person who refused to obey this summons should be erased from the mess-books. This penalty seems to have been insufficient to procure the attendance required, and a few months after the magistrates received orders to punish the inhuman refusal with commitment.

THIS is a gloomy view of the state of things in a new establishment ; but it is a just one. Extraordinary laws are dictated by extraordinary necessity ; and in the present instance it may be conceived that the indifference about the diseased, the dying and the dead, which pervaded the encampment of three thousand people, cast, without any connecting tie, on the sand of a foreign shore and the skirt of an unknown forest, must have been extreme.

HAPPILY this spirit has long ceased ; and from the present appearance of our funerals no person would suppose that an e-
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