

DISCOURSE.

"For my brethern and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good."
—Psalm 122, verse 8.

The Society in whose behalf I am now called upon to speak, has been established with the benevolent purpose of relieving the pressing wants of immigrants of English origin, giving them counsel and aid as to situations and employment, and helping them in extreme cases to proceed to their "destination." Such objects require no vindication. Every one acquainted with the most common facts of our social condition will admit at once the expediency of some organization for the accomplishment of these objects and the duty of humanity they imply.

In their benevolent endeavors the members of this and similar societies, encounter, and may always lay their accounts to do so, no small degree of trouble; but it is not all trouble; it is an honorable work and one that yields a good reward; for, to the right kind of men, a greater pleasure there cannot be, than the consciousness of those affections and efforts through which we have the power of making light the burdens of the troubled hearts of our brethren and inspiring them with encouragement and ability for the business of life.