

have a neighbour's claim upon our sympathy, as those whom it behoves us especially to love and to cherish.

Doubtless of all peculiar claims, the closest is that which grows out of a common faith. The tie which binds us together as children of a common Father, by adoption through the Son of his love, is the strongest of all possible ties ; and hence, we are enjoined to care for the household of faith more, so that we care not for any of our fellow creatures less. Not studying their interests at the expence of those which any of our fellows may challenge at our hands, yet must we be specially concerned to promote them. The good providence of God has so brought them nigh unto us that we cannot overlook them except at the risk of doing violence to each better feeling of our better nature ; while the discharge of duty comes fraught with a more than wonted satisfaction, when they who perform it most readily perceive it to be a duty ; and they most fully appreciate it, in behalf of whom it is called into exercise. To creatures, infirm of purpose at the best, such solace is not to be little accounted of, nor lightly esteemed.

Upon this so solemn, so weighty obligation, I shall not now insist. The theme is too large ; nor were it altogether appropriate on an occasion like the present. Rather will I notice, and that briefly, the lesser but not unimportant duty which we owe to those between whom and ourselves that God who assigns their bounds to all the dwellers upon earth, has established the relation of fellow countrymen. But are there any discouragements in the performance of a duty so simple as this ? Perhaps only such as are fitted to test our patience, and to give method and system to what were else but a desultory and fitful benevolence. That we may see of what kind the hindrances are, which we may expect to encounter, we will consider what objects the society has in view, the Anniversary Celebration of which we now hallow by religious observance. The great design of our Association is to succour the Englishman when in need, sickness, or any other adversity—to cheer him while yet a stranger in a strange country—or to enable him, if disappointed of his hope, to return to the land whence he came out. In ministering to such want, the St. George's Society has earned the goodwill and esteem of all who have hearts to feel, both on account of the liberal aid which it has dispensed, and the kindly manner in which it has dispensed it. For many years it has done a good work, and has done it well ; as without partiality, so without parade ; nor has it ever, to the best of my knowledge, attempted to "make capital" as the term is, out of the necessities of any, or to take out in patronage a