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Mindful, that the days of man are few, and that temporal evils vanish with them, our object has not been to increase, but to moderate their impression on the mind, and to raise it above them to things eternal.



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abuse of authority.—The time for such usurped interference is gone by—never, never to return.”

Dr. C. said, that he could not vote for the amendment, because we were not assembled to petition for any other class of subjects, nor were we commissioned by any to act or petition for them. But without petitioning for the Dissenters, we might record our wishes even in our own Petition, and for that purpose I now add the following words: “And we avow, that concession to us would be an imperfect blessing, while any other class of subjects continue to suffer similar grievances on account of conscientious sincerity.” (*To be continued*)



UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

The Right Rev. Dr. Milner, V. A. M. D. Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, Coadjutor, His Grace the Duke of Norfolk, and the Right Honourable Lord Stafford.

In submitting an Appeal in behalf of the THETFORD MISSION, the Rev. J. HOLDEN does not hesitate to assure the Friends of Religion, that no similar case of Distress was ever more deserving of their attention, as will appear from the following statement:—

From the Reformation up to the present time, this distressed flock have had no Schools for the instruction of their Youth, and no Chapels nearer than Bury St. Edmund's, twelve miles on the south of Thetford; Buckenham, now removed to Oxburgh, sixteen miles on the North; Norwich, twenty-nine miles on the North-east; Thelveton, a private Chapel, twenty miles on the East; and another private Chapel, about thirty miles on the West:—add to this, that no efficient Priest has ever resided in Thetford, or in the neighbouring towns or villages longer than three or four years.—Labouring under these disadvantages, what must have become of the young, the aged, and those whose strength or zeal would not enable them to undertake the forbidding journey above described? The consequence has been a lamentable ignorance even of the essentials of Religion, a heart-rendering depravity of manners, and a gradual desertion from the faith of their fathers.—The present inconvenient room which serves for a Chapel, is only 5½ by 3 yards, and is situated in a private house without the town. Such is our present accommodation, in a town containing three thousand inhabitants, to say nothing of other towns and villages in Norfolk and Suffolk that belong to this Mission.—It is with a view of applying a remedy to these evils, and of being able to afford free access to all, that this appeal is made to the charity of the Public; and as it was obedience to his Bishop, and not his own choice, that brought the Rev. J. H. into this part of the vineyard, he trusts the appeal will not be made in vain. Let the pious Christian, who enjoys the benefit of Religion near at home, substitute himself in the place of any one of this destitute flock, and then say if this petition is to be rejected. Let him place himself on his bed of sickness, at the distance of twenty or thirty miles from the resources of Religion, and then give vent to his feelings.—The bond of charity, which should unite us all, will not allow this appeal to be confined to one class of Christians only. The well wishers to truth and piety, of every reli-

gious denomination, are confidently solicited: to throw in their mite. "Who having the substance of this world, and seeing his brother in need will shut up his bowels against him," on the score of difference in his religious creed?—Applications of this nature are frequent, it is granted; but will any one maintain that the divine virtue of Charity, which our Redeemer has declared endears, more than any other virtue, the creature to his Creator, must be abandoned, because the opportunities of exercising it are of frequent recurrence? Of the two evils, if evils they must be called, which ought most to affect us—frequent solicitations for relief, or the distress which this relief is intended to alleviate? Who will hesitate to sacrifice a talent which Providence has entrusted in his hands, "to convert the sinner from the evil of his ways," and promote that good work for which the Redeemer of us all did not hesitate to sacrifice his own life on a disgraceful gibbet, particularly if he reflect that by such a sacrifice "he shall save his soul from death, and cover a multitude of sins?" If so trifling a thing as a cup of water given to relieve the corporal wants of a neighbour shall not lose his reward, what may not be expect who ministers to the wants of a soul, to save which, did we form a just estimate of its value, we should willingly "spend and be spent?" That species of charity which has for its object the love of God as well as the love of our neighbour, "by which we are known to be his disciples," must be especially precious in the sight of God, and will not fail of drawing down upon the giver the choicest blessings of Heaven as well as the prayers of those whom he has relieved, at a time when he stands most in need of them, viz. when death is about to close his eyes to the perishable things of the earth.—You, then, who value the blessings of Religion and Knowledge, who enjoy these advantages for yourselves, your servants, your sick, your aged, and your poor, and especially for those dear little objects, whose present and future happiness depends so much upon early habits of piety and religious instruction, kindly remember your neighbours at Thetford. "Break the bread to little ones who have asked for bread," and hitherto there has been no one to break it to them.—To enable us to build a plain decent Chapel and School, Contributions are humbly solicited, and will be thankfully received by the Right Rev. Dr. Milner, Wolverhampton; Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, Oscott College, Birmingham; Wright and Co. Covent-garden; Keating and Brown, 38, Duke-street, Grosvenor-square, and 63; Paternoster-row; W. E. Andrews, 3, Chapter-house-court, St. Paul's; Mr. Chapman, Worcester; Mr. Tandy, Bromsgrave; Mr. Borini and Mr. James Brown, Birmingham; Rev. Mr. Price, Stafford; Mrs. Pounberton, Wigan; Mr. Couban, Blackburn; Mr. Turner, Chorley; Rev. J. Dunn, Preston; Mr. G. Holden, Balegrave, Garstang; Mr. J. Shepherd, Harrington-street, and Mr. Roe, 36, Christian-street, Liverpool; Rev. Mr. Gillow and Mr. Woodruffe, Manchester; — Ashton, Esq. Warrington; Rev. Mr. Hughes, Portico, St. Helen's; Rev. Mr. Crosskill, Durham; Rev. Mr. Newsham, York; Right Rev. Dr. Baines, Bath; and Mr. Gardiner, Thetford; by whom also Church Furniture, Books, and Tracts of Piety and Religion, will be duly forwarded to the Rev. J. Holden Canons, Thetford, Norfolk.