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O n T H U R S D A Y, *March 18, 1762,*

I n the Parish Church of

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Resolved,

THAT the Thanks of this Court be returned to
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Dedicated, and Inscribed,

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West-Ham,
April 22, 1762.

The AUTHOR.

JOB XXIX, 11—13.

WHEN THE EAR HEARD ME, THEN IT BLESSED ME;
AND WHEN THE EYE SAW ME, IT GAVE WITNESS
TO ME: BECAUSE I DELIVERED THE POOR THAT
CRIED, AND THE FATHERLESS, AND HIM THAT
HAD NONE TO HELP HIM. THE BLESSING OF HIM
THAT WAS READY TO PERISH, CAME UPON ME:
AND I CAUSED THE WIDOW'S HEART TO SING FOR
JOY.

HOW amiable, how excellent, how useful is Benevolence! which gives lustre to the character, and serenity to the heart; engages the universal affection, and adds its greatest merit to the human nature. It is the highest perfection, not only of men, but of angels; nay it is the highest perfection, not of men, not of angels only, but of the Deity himself:—of the almighty and eternal God, concerning whom we are told, that he is LOVE, pure essential love and benevolence to the whole universe of his unnumbered creatures.

No wonder then, that this divine temper is deeply rooted in the nature of man: no wonder that the Son of God, whom disinterested benevolence humbled to the severest sufferings upon earth, hath made that benevolence, in his sacred word, the standard of all excellence, and the sum-

mit of all moral perfection : that benevolence, to which we are so forcibly influenced by the common wants, and common weaknesses of our nature ; and to which such irresistible motives of interest, of duty, and of happiness, stimulate.

And no wonder in this view, that the *benevolent Man* immediately obtains the warm approbation of every sympathetic heart ; for who can withhold it from a character so truly great, and—I had almost said—divine ! Behold him, (to collect only a few rays of his brightness, not to attempt a draught of his full-orb'd lustre) behold the GOOD MAN, warmed by the precepts, and animated by the pattern of his redeemer—like that redeemer, glowing with the love, and anxious for the welfare of his fellow-creatures ! Large is his heart, and liberal are his hands. With this he feels, he compassionates ; with those he relieves, he comforts the wants and miseries of the children of affliction. No narrow prejudices, no discriminating circumstances damp the glow of his compassion, or stop the current of his beneficence. Even injuries, repeated injuries, cannot cause him to withdraw his good-will, or to deny his good offices to the injurious, when wretched, and in need of assistance. He considers not so much the merit, as the necessities of the object : human nature and distress are always sufficient titles to his pity and relief.

The higher his station, and the more extensive his influence, the more he studies to adorn that station, and to employ that influence, whether of wealth, of wisdom, or
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of power, to the great ends of blessing mankind ; and of diffusing around the enlivening beams of universal Benevolence ; like the sun, an inferior minister of providence, which cheers, invigorates, and sustains the surrounding world *. He knows that the highest, the best prerogative of an exalted station is to afford shelter to inferiors, who repose themselves under such cover and protection : he knows, that only by doing good, a man can truly enjoy the advantages of being eminent.

* See *Hume's* essays, Vol. IV.—It is impossible to read without approbation Mr. *Hume's* Remarks on *Benevolence* in particular ; while at the same time the good heart must feel a sensible concern, that a man of such abilities, and such sentiments, should ever employ his pen to so unworthy and pernicious a purpose, as the unsettling the great principles of that holy and excellent *Religion*, which this writer *must* know, bears all the marks of credibility possible : and which is the ever-living source of light, from whence he hath kindled his taper—An author so acute, cannot but be convinced, that he is reasoning against truth, when he opposes the great principles of Christianity : cannot but perceive, that sophistry guides the pen, when he pleads in the person of *Epicurus*, and when he attempts to decry the evidence of *Miracles*.—Yet can the man, who speaks such exquisite things on the subject of *Benevolence*, have a bad heart?—I would fain believe not : and do earnestly wish, that he would not act as an enemy to society, and to the most pure and refined truth ever revealed to man : that he would engage in a better cause, and endeavour to set forth in their fine colours, and as he is able, the high precepts of the Gospel. For, let him only recollect, what must be his fate in a *future* world (and he believes a future world) if the Christian Religion prove true ? While the christian, even upon *his* principles, cannot be wrong, should his religion prove false.

Let me observe too, that the benevolence, which thus leads to an active concern for the universal welfare, will naturally incline the good man to do all his kind offices in the most amiable and engaging manner. He will reverence the afflicted; and minister his comforts, of whatever sort, with so much mildness and humanity, as shall never shock or pain the generous and sensible heart.—Nor will he want sollicitations to acts of goodness and charity: they are the delight of his soul; they are in part the employment of his life; he is continually seeking after them; and studying how to be most beneficial to his fellow-creatures; so that by enabling him to be so, you give him the most exquisite satisfaction.—Nay, and should his beneficence be abused; should ingratitude and disappointment often and again thwart his best designs, yet will he not be wearied in doing good! Candid in all his censures, and abounding still in charitable hopes, he will persevere in the path of right: and knowing, that success doth not always attend good deserts or good endeavours; he will take care only to deserve that success, and to use every proper method for the attainment: and then leave the rest to the great disposer of all events; self-satisfied in the rectitude of his own intentions.

Well then may we repeat—even from this imperfect sketch—“ How amiable, how excellent, how useful is “ Benevolence !” Would you see it in a clearer view, (as
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light is most distinguished by shade) place by the side of our good man, the selfish, sordid, low-minded being, whose groveling soul is ever bent to earth, and his own miserable interests; who never lifts his luring eye beyond the sphere of his own advantage; and whose actions are continually directed by the infallible needle of private good; a wretch, who is never communicative, but where he expects a greater return; wishing to draw all to himself, but never willing to disperse abroad in blessings to others—greedy as the sea, and barren as the shore!

From such a contrast the benevolent man will acquire new lustre; and appear with double grace in your eyes. And it will be a pleasing reflection, that amidst the prevalence of selfishness, of dissipation, and of disregard to serious religion, (too justly complained of, I fear, in the present day) yet benevolent characters happily abound amongst us: for works of benevolence never abounded more. Private charity dispenses every where her kindly succours: national charity to sufferers in other climes hath never been wanting; *Lisbon* in its overthrow can witness the humanity of *Britain*; and even our enemies, to the particular honour of the present times, have rejoiced in the warmth of our bounty; we have fed the hungry and cloath'd the naked, even of those who are our most inveterate adversaries. And public charity rears up her lovely head and triumphs!—There she shews you christian knowledge widely spread throughout the earth; and thousands of children instructed in the principles of evangelical

gical truth.—There she shews you desolate and afflicted widows, with their orphans around them, forgetting awhile the loss of every earthly comfort, and their sad downfall from a state of plenty and of peace, while the tender hand of sympathetic benevolence soothes their sorrows, and administers to their support.—There she shews you the sick, the wounded, and the lame, smiling amidst their anguish, and blessing the benevolence which affords them such seasonable relief.—There she shews you industry and labour sheltered under the ravage of a disease, whose contagion shuts it out from mercy: or scorning the efforts of that disease, which heaven-taught art no longer suffers to walk attended with desolation and death.—There she shews you the pregnant mother for awhile forgetting her pangs, and gratefully acknowledging the goodness, which gives her such comfort in the hour of greatest need.—There she shews you even phrenzy, at a lucid interval, thankful in her cell to the charitable mercy, which screens from public view poor humanity so horribly degraded.—There she shews you deserted infants; there little outcasts and unfriended orphans, kindly sheltered from the rude blasts of infamy, of ignorance, of ruin; and made instrumental to the commerce, the defence, and the domestic necessities of the nation.—And there she shews you happy PENITENTS rejoicing in the goodness of their God; and pouring out their tears and thanks to heaven and their benefactors, for restoring them

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them to all things dear and valuable to human creatures upon earth! *

Must not, oh must not a benevolence like this,—thus diffusive, large and universal—“ which delivers the poor, “ the fatherless, and him who hath none to help him ; “ which is eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame ; “ which saves those who were ready to perish, and causes “ the widow’s heart to sing for joy ; Must not this “ make our ears, when they hear it, to bless ; and our eyes “ when they see it, to give glad witness ” to the authors and promoters of such works of love ? Can we refuse them our hearts warmest testimony ? May we not hope that the prevalence of a virtue, so estimable in the sight of God our Saviour, will plead with his goodness in behalf of our nation, so blest, so eminently favoured by him ; will stand in the gap between us and our manifold iniquities ; and secure to us, through many generations, those high felicities so peculiarly our own !

* I heartily wish, that I was able to enumerate, amongst these public and amiable works, “ *An ASYLUM for the BLIND.* ” There is no need to expatiate on the misfortune of loss of sight ; nor to hint, how painful it is to the humane and feeling heart, to be struck with the cries of the blind at almost every corner of the streets of our metropolis. Would it not be a work of distinguished humanity to remove all these unhappy objects to a proper place ; and to employ them in such works as they are capable of executing ; (there are many such works ;) and to allow them a comfortable subsistence ?

“ O may the goodness of God not only crown our
 “ land with every blessing; not only pour forth abun-
 “ dantly into every heart, that spirit of benevolence,
 “ which hath already been productive of so many lau-
 “ dable undertakings:—but may his providential care
 “ prosper and succeed every such undertaking! May the
 “ dew of his mercy fall richly upon every good design;
 “ and cause each one of them to flourish abundantly and
 “ bring forth the most desirable fruits, to the encou-
 “ ragement, satisfaction, and comfort of the benevo-
 “ lent, the worthy, and truly honourable promoters of
 “ them!”

But while we are wishing prosperity and good luck in
 the name of the Lord, to every benevolent institution,
 you will allow me to request at present your more par-
 ticular attention to that distinguished work of huma-
 nity, for which I am appointed to plead, and which
 surely deserves a far better advocate—But I am en-
 gaged—It will therefore avail me little to urge that
 I am *prest involuntarily* into this service; which I should
 have rejoiced to have seen performed by one of abilities, of
 dignity, of reputation, far superior to mine: it will avail
 me little to urge, that I have not only said from the pul-
 pit, but the press, repeatedly and again*, all I had to offer
 on the subject; and what arguments can I now use in

* See my First Sermon before the President, &c. 1759; That before the
 Duke of York: The Advice to the Magdalens: An Account of the Rise and
 Progress of the Magdalen Charity, &c. &c.

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behalf of this amiable undertaking? All I can trust to, is the benevolence of your hearts, which your presence here proves, are already interested in favour of our charity.

And surely if ever charitable design peculiarly claimed the patronage of the *great* and the *good*; it is this for which we plead. Every christian, every humane, every tender and compassionate motive unites to recommend and enforce it to the heart.

Mean and despicable is the attempt to raise the reputation of one good work upon the ruin of another; or to think of applauding this by depreciating the merit of that charity. True benevolence, however it may affect one more than another, will yet rejoice in all: and though it may not be able to lend much help to all, while more immediately attached to one; yet will it cordially approve all, and, as far as it can, assist them; shining like a good planet, with a benign influence on all within its sphere: and by the liberality of its sentiments at least, participating of the merit of every good work.

These, I know, are the generous ideas of the encouragers of our present design; whose bounty is by no means confined to this single work of mercy; but diffused, like streams of water, through the dry desert of necessity and suffering; but communicated to many other humane and praise-worthy institutions*.

* Let me request any person to compare the list of the Governors of the Magdalen Charity, with that of the several others enumerated in a former page; and the recurrence of the same benevolent names will abundantly prove my assertion.

It will never therefore be judged that we mean to prejudice any one of them — (God forbid that such a thought should ever harbour itself in my heart!) that we mean to divert the current of benevolence from other objects of pity, from other labours of love; while for our present institution, we urge, and will endeavour to prove, that it is one of the GREATEST and TRUEST charities in which men or Christians can be engaged.

Now of human works, that must be the best and the most perfect, which approaches nearest to the standard of all goodness and perfection. — Must not that then be the truest and the highest charity, which most resembles the charity of God; of Christ; and of good angels? — Must not that be the highest charity, which provides not only for the bodily distresses of fellow-creatures, but for all their spiritual wants: which not only restores to health, to reputation, to peace in this world; but, properly improved, to everlasting health and peace in the future world? Must not that be the highest charity, which not only consults for the happiness of the objects themselves, but which takes in a large and affecting circle, all the dear and tender names of parent, brother, sister, friend: — and which gives balm and relief to the most acute and tormenting of all pains, the pain of the affectionate parent's wounded heart? — Must not that be the highest charity, which gives hope to the hopeless; relieves, from unutterable

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ble distress, souls plunged into the very bitterness of woe; teaches the tongue to bless, which before in despair even blasphemed its God, and cursed its own existence; teaches the hands to labour, which were wantoning in the most pernicious idleness: and which, at the same time, that it removes obnoxious and destructive, restores useful and industrious members to the commonweal?

Such is the charity, which we would recommend to your favourable succour: it cannot want that succour; for your hearts not only feel the noble touches of benevolence; but you are desirous to imitate the pattern of all perfection; to be like your God, and your Saviour; and to enjoy the business and the blessedness of angels. This you will enjoy, by communicating to our present institution; thus restoring to God, to happiness and to hope, lost and ruined sinners! And sinners—let me add, further to recommend our institution—who, denied the shelter of this hospitable charity, what probability, I might say, what possibility have they to avoid the miseries of utter perdition?—No *benevolent* heart would surely refuse them one chance, one single chance for repentance and life! And this is all we plead for.---Nay certainly, not even the most *rigid virtue* would deny one chance, one single chance for salvation, to any unhappy fellow-creatures; especially when able to give them that chance; and when morally assured, that they must for ever be lost without it!

“ But then, some may say, were it not better to unite all our efforts for the prevention of this evil, which is attended with such dreadful consequences ?” Yes doubtless, we reply, if it could be prevented: but while human passions continue what they are, it is much to be feared, that no efforts *can* wholly prevent this evil. Certainly by the increased diligence of the magistrate, much of the public nuisance, so justly complained of, and so reproachful to the police, and christianity of our metropolis, might be removed*; and it is hoped, will be removed. But while human nature remains as it is, men will seduce, and women will hearken; and there will ever be, as there has ever been, too many deluded objects, to move our commiseration, and to call for our christian concern.

“ But these (it may be said again) are most worthless objects; they have brought themselves into these evils; and consequently merit no pity.” Alas, how superficially do they reflect upon the charity of God and of Christ; how little upon the nature of true benevolence; who thus

* Unquestionably these miserable wretches might be prevented from plying so scandalously in the great and leading streets of the metropolis: unquestionably so many of the houses harbouring, notoriously harbouring them, might be discountenanced: unquestionably they might be prevented from sitting out to ensnare, in *some parts* of the town, even in the *broad light* of the mid-day!—and all this without any *danger* of lessening the number of such women to that degree, that *worse vices* would follow!

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object?---For whom doth God dispense his providential blessings; upon whom doth his sun shine, and his light arise?---only on the just?---For whom did God send his only begotten into the world: for whom did that only begotten bleed and die on the cross?---only for the worthy and deserving? No---for a world of sinners; for all of us, whose many offences have made us obnoxious to the condemnation of God; and who, therefore shall we say? "merit no pity!"---Far different is the method of our God's gracious dealings with us! The prodigal son in the gospel brought himself into a state of indigence and misery; yet did not his father utterly reject him. The adulterous woman; the impure magdalen; the denying Peter, all, all of them were in this respect without excuse; their mouths were stopped before God; guilty and self-condemned, they had nothing to plead. Yet did he freely forgive them all their trespasses.---Nay, and all the souls, which are, were forfeit once; and he, even he who might best have taken the advantage, found out the remedy.

Besides, that benevolence cannot be deemed perfect; which distinguisheth only the good and deserving: they not only merit our esteem, but demand our assistance; it is a kind of debt due to them. But we then shew true philanthropy, when not the merit alone, but the necessities and distresses of objects move us to their relief; when we are with-held from dispensing our seasonable bounty

ty by no narrow and unworthy prejudices; it being sufficient to engage all our best services, with the good *Samaritan*, that a fellow-traveller, tho' a Jew, stands in need of the succour, which we are able to bestow. *

Thus much may be urg'd in behalf of the objects of our present concern, upon the supposition of their utter unworthiness.

One would however imagine that no human beings could be precipitate in their censures, or hasty in their condemnation of fellow-creatures, misled by a passion, which, however fatal and dangerous, if unmortified and un subdued, is yet for wise and good ends, interwoven in the frame of our nature: and from some aberrations in which but few, it is to be fear'd, can plead absolutely guiltless. When therefore we consider ourselves; when we consider that the most generous and humane dispositions have sometimes fallen into this snare, and been captivated by this delusive passion; when we consider that such, many such, most celebrated in story, have not only felt and acknowledged the severest checks of conscience, but by God's grace, have become as eminent for their penitence as for their faults:—such reflections must soften the

* Let it here be observed that there can be but two reasons for punishing, or for permitting persons to continue in a state of suffering; namely, for *example* or *reformation*: when these ends are answered, it is as barbarous as it is useless, to punish; it is absolutely inhuman not to relieve the sufferer. When therefore unhappy women are desirous to reform and amend; what can justify our conduct, if we refuse them the means?

rigour of our judgments; must lead us not to doubt of the possibility of the thorough and real reformation of those unhappy young creatures, who have fallen victims to a passion, which is common to our nature :— And who have much to *urge*, much to plead in their own behalf, and in request of our humane forgiveness and compassion.

Some of them will tell you of the base and treacherous arts of merciless seducers, who by every unlawful method, human and divine, by vows, by promises, by oaths, won their unsuspecting, honest, gentle hearts—hearts yet unpractised and estranged to guile,—won and abandoned them (ah cruel and perfidious ! let such boast their conquests !)—won and abandoned them to sore destruction.—Some of them will tell you of the afflicting and early loss of careful and affectionate parents, who left them, left their beloved orphans to an injurious world ; left them an easy, artless prey, or ever they could distinguish evil from good, or good from evil ; a prey to the inhuman barbarity of the savage ministers of lust.—Others with streaming eyes will urge—at least for their continuance in such a state,—that they could find no hand to relieve, no heart to pity ; that there was no place for them to fly unto, that none cared for their souls : that their friends, nay, their dearest parents forsook them ! that they had not, they could not find where to lay, where to conceal, their wretched heads ! And some will urge the strong and irresistible

sistible calls of hunger and of thirst : appetites which must be satisfied : But ah truly pitiable daughters of affliction, not hunger and thirst of their own, but of a miserable babe perhaps, the sad issue of their unfortunate guilt ; yet not on that account the less claiming all the tenderness of maternal love ! And could the mother see the little helpless innocent perish in her arms ? Could she behold its tongue cleaving to the roof of its mouth for hunger, and for thirst ? Oh what could not a mother rather behold ! what virtue would not sink under such a trial ! *can a woman forget her sucking child ?*---Pity her, oh pity her, ye happier mothers ; and say, could ye not excuse a crime---say rather, will ye not bless this hospitable charity, which relieves the inexpressible distress of many such miserable women ?

Indeed I cannot but observe here, that so scanty are the means of subsistence allowed the female sex ; so few the occupations which they can pursue ; and those so much engrossed by our sex : so small are the profits arising from their labours, and so difficult often the power of obtaining employment, especially for those of doubtful character :--- and frequently so utter their unskilfulness in any branches of their common industry, from a mistaken neglect of their parents in their education ; several of whom, while they absurdly expend much on boarding schools, think it beneath them to have their daughters taught a trade :---So scanty are the means of sub-

subsistence arising from these and the like causes, that, it is but too well known, many virtuous and decent young women, who have been left desolate with poor unfriended children, have been compelled to the horrid necessity, (---and we want not to be told, what numbers in this great city lie in wait to improve and turn to their own advantage that necessity,) of procuring bread by prostitution! which nothing could have induced them so to procure, but the cries and tears of hungry children, craving the food, which thus becomes the food of bitterness to the mother, and renders life the most oppressive burden.

But I dwell not now on the peculiar hardships, difficulties and distresses of the female sex: I dwell not upon the temptations to which they are exposed; in the free and unrestrained use of which cruel seducers even think themselves justifiable: I dwell not upon the superior *advantages*, (if advantages they may be called) which our sex hath over them; whose reputation suffers no stain even from an avow'd indulgence in this vice; while one unhappy deviation blasts the fair beauty of the female honour---I dwell not upon these topics, they have been already sufficiently handled.

Suffer me only to remark, that the success of this undertaking serves above all things to recommend it, and to remove every objection which either caution or malevolence might have to urge against it. * ---Of the first two

* See the account at the end of this *sermon*.

hundred women who voluntarily sought this happy covert from the storm, but a very inconsiderable number at this time remains in the house; and some of them so perfectly happy and satisfied with their situation, that they pray never to depart thence, and have intreated permission from the benevolent governors of the charity to pass their lives, free from danger, free from evil, within those walls where they have found salvation and peace.

Of the rest, many have been introduced into creditable and decent services, where they have conducted themselves with so much propriety, that several have claimed and received that bounty, which the rules of the charity assign as an encouragement to those who continue a year in their services, and meet the approbation of their superiors. Some of these constantly on the Sabbath attend religious service at the chapel, and regularly are found at the holy table of the Lord.---While particular application is given as to the habituating them all to industry, while they are in the house; so to the teaching the uninstructed such branches of female employ; as may enable those who are unfit for services, to get their livelihood with credit and honesty, when they are replaced in the world.

That some should again return to impurity, could not but have been supposed by the most sanguine espousers of this charity: But it surely deserves attention, and is some proof of the right principles imbibed in the house, that the greater part even of those who have been disgracefully dismissed

dismissed from thence, have sought for and readily undertaken the hardest services, rather than return to their former detested way of life: nay, and some to avoid the necessity, have even applied to magistrates to send them abroad, and thereby enable them to procure an honest and industrious subsistence.

While it ought to be mentioned, as a mark of the good government and regulation of the house,—and I think we may add, of the good intentions and right principles wherewith these women enter it—that since the institution of it, no acts of flagrant indecency or gross misbehaviour have ever shewn themselves; though no punishments or corrections are ever used; for nothing but the law of reason, of religion, and of lenity is permitted to rule in a place, designed for a comfortable and desirable retreat to the sincerely penitent.

Besides those, who have been placed out in the world, many have been restored to their rejoicing parents. And could you have been spectators of the many affecting scenes, which have passed on these occasions; your sympathetic hearts would have melted, and you would have blessed a charity productive of such celestial comforts.—Could *your* hearts be unmoved, if you saw, what the humane directors of this Charity so frequently see,—if you saw an aged parent introduce a young and hapless daughter; if you heard her with the voice of maternal anguish, thus tenderly implore your christian aid, “ For Christ’s

“ and for compassion’s sake, take my wretched, ruined
 “ child into your kind protection;—save her, oh save
 “ her from utter destruction, and in so doing save also
 “ the life of a miserable mother! She was once my sole
 “ comfort, once my most pleasing hope! I trusted that
 “ she would have been the staff and support of my old
 “ age, and have held me up amidst all the sorrows and
 “ afflictions of widowhood! But alas, a cruel spoiler
 “ came; deceiv’d her, artless as she was; deluded and
 “ withdrew her from my roof and protection! In vain,
 “ with almost broken heart, I sought her: conscious of
 “ her crime, she still flew from me; and abandoned by
 “ her perfidious and unfeeling deceiver, became a prey
 “ to the arts of those, who lye in wait to destroy the
 “ young and the friendless!—Defiled and diseased, lost to
 “ reputation and herself, I have at length recovered *my*
 “ child; for still she is my child, though thus unhap-
 “ py!—And on my bended knees I implore, that you
 “ would have pity on a mother’s anguish, that you
 “ would compassionate a desolate widow’s distress—that
 “ you would revive a broken heart, and save my dear,
 “ though ruined daughter from that instant destruction
 “ and extreme distress, which otherwise must unavoid-
 “ ably attend her. Compassionate her youth: pardon
 “ the past: her tears witness her contrition; let them
 “ plead for her; let her mother’s tears also plead
 “ for her;—save us, oh save us both, ye tender-
 “ hearted christians, so will the blessing of those who are
 “ ready

“ ready to perish come upon you ; so will you be fathers
 “ to the fatherless; and cause the dejected widow’s heart,
 “ long unacquainted with comfort, to sing for joy.”

Could your generous hearts refuse to such a petitioner the relief she required? I am convinced they could not. Now then, imagine that many such are pleading with you for your liberal contributions to this charity—contributions sufficient to enable its governors never to have the hard and painful task of rejecting petitioners of this sort,—sufficient to enable them to enlarge their mercy, and to open wide their blessed doors, like those of heaven, at the call of every pitiable and repenting object.

And only think if the benevolent heart feels such a gust of joy in relieving the present anguish of such plaintive sufferers; what must it feel, when it beholds the good effects, the full fruits of its compassion; when it sees the top-stone brought forth with gladness, sees the work perfected in the complete felicity of those to whom was ministered its first and kindly succour?

Amongst many affecting instances of this sort, let us not pass over that of the grateful parents of a young woman, who had been a considerable time in the house; who behaved herself with all propriety, and who a few weeks past was received home to her rejoicing parents—How pleasing, how tenderly pleasing was it to see those parents with eyes full of grateful tears, pouring forth, in broken accents, their thankful hearts to the governors of this

this charity ! “ Blessed Charity, said they, which hath
 “ saved our child, our beloved daughter from everlasting
 “ ruin ! A charity for the prosperity of which we must
 “ ever pray, and the benevolent supporters of which we
 “ must ever bless, as (under God) the authors of all our
 “ felicity—as the restorers, almost from death, of our lost
 “ and undone child !—Amidst the numberless obligations
 “ conferred upon us, permit us (continued they) to ask
 “ yet one more; permit us, with our recovered and new-
 “ born daughter, to seal our vows of thankfulness and
 “ devotion at the altar of your *Chapel*; and to present
 “ ourselves with our beloved child, at that holy table to
 “ him, who hath done so great things for us !” Who
 could hear such language, and behold such tears unmoved,
 and yet undelighted !—But who unmoved and undelight-
 ed could behold these christian and truly sensible parents,
 kneeling on either side of their daughter at the altar;
 presenting their mutual thanks, and lifting up their
 tearful eyes in expressive gratitude and gladness—the pa-
 rents for their recovered child;—the child for her reco-
 vered parents, and with them, her God, her peace, her
 present and eternal comfort !

These are sights which must refresh every benevolent
 mind; these are fruits of this charity, which must render it
 amiable in all your eyes; which must make you anxious to
 communicate liberally to such good; to be fellow-workers
 in deeds of such distinguished excellence !—For granting
 that

that many should abuse this well-intended design, (and what designs are not liable to abuse?) granting that half, only half of those who seek its friendly shelter, should duly improve its proffer'd blessings;—nay, granting that a tenth part only should be saved from the most exquisite distress which can afflict human creatures; that only a tenth part should be saved from an early and shocking death, amidst all those miseries, which are of most fearful name,—should be saved from the dire miseries of the death eternal;—surely it were a work well worthy all our pains, well worthy all the aid and all the approbation, which the great, the virtuous and the good can give!

But indeed we have all the certainty, which the nature of the work will admit, that a far greater proportion properly improve the benefits of this institution; and are not only made happy themselves, but diffuse that happiness through the wide circle of their loved relations: while they are restored to the state, and become useful members of it: a circumstance by no means inconsiderable at a time when war is spreading so widely its terrible devastations of the human species; nor indeed at any time inconsiderable in a commercial nation like ours; whose strength and prosperity depend on the number of its inhabitants.

However, respecting some of the objects, we have absolute certainty; for it hath pleased God to call away some of them since their admission into the house; who have
died

died with such marks of real repentance, that no man could entertain a doubt of their forgiveness and acceptance with their merciful redeemer. --- But what a thought is that! --- Possibly had they not been admitted within those charitable walls, --- they had perished, horribly perished, in the streets, amidst cold and nakedness, famine and disease, uninstructed, unrelieved, unpitied, impenitent! perished miserably in this life, only to enter on one far more miserable!

And indeed when this thought extends itself to all the women now in the house, blest with health, restored to happiness, industriously employed, and cheerfully singing praises to their God---many very many of whom, most probably without this relief ere now would have ended their days in the extremity of sufferings, young and wretched victims to the desolation of wide wasting and unrelenting lust: our compassion must be moved; and the benevolent heart will want no farther recommendation of a work so productive of the highest good, which mortals can aim at or accomplish.

Of which one example further, before I conclude, will serve more fully to convince you: one example, in which you will trace with a sympathetic pleasure, the tender struggles of christian rejoicing and parental affection.

An amiable young creature, just in her sixteenth year, was admitted into the house: her conduct was humble and blameless, such as became and denoted the penitent.

After

After her admiffion, fhe had the happinefs to be reconciled to a mother, who had felt the fevereft forrow for her misconduct, who affectionately loved, and was beloved by her child.---Not long fince fhe was fiezed with a mortal difeafe; which fhe bore with chearfulnefs, fortitude, and refignation. When fhe perceived the hour of death approaching, fhe earneftly defired to fee her widowed parent, and to take her laft farewell. Soon as it was poffible, the afflicted mother came: the foul of the daughter feemed to revive at the voice of her beloved parent. The interview was pathetic and affecting: none prefont could refrain from tears.---But it was fcarcely paffed, fcarce had the tender parent preffed the cold and trembling lips of her child; before the fluttering foul quitted its earthly habitation,---as if it had only ftayed to pay this tribute; and to perform this laft office of filial duty and love!

Parental affection then, and christian joy ftrove with each other in the mother's breaft. For a while fhe fpoke not---fhe could not fpeak. Tears at length burft forth---fhe wept---fhe could not but weep for her daughter once loft, but now doubly dear to her by having been found and reftored to obedience and virtue. She could not but weep for her *only* daughter, thus early cut off from her, when fhe had formed pleafing views of their happinefs and comfort together;---“ Yet let me not weep, faid the parent; “ rather let me rejoice and blefs the goodnefs of God! “ Had my child perifhed in her ftate of fin, had fhe been

“ cut off amidst prostitution, disease, and misery, what
 “ could have supported my soul? Now by the blessing of
 “ this heavenly charity, I have seen her die in such a man-
 “ ner, that I cannot doubt her happiness with God! I will
 “ not weep for thee, therefore my child, my dearest child!
 “ blessed for ever blessed be God, who has saved thee from
 “ destruction, and reached out his merciful hand to rescue
 “ thee from woe everlasting! Blessed for ever blessed be
 “ those into whose hearts he put it to open the doors of this
 “ house of repentance: may they for ever be blessed! And
 “ may their good hearts be refreshed with the knowledge
 “ of many, many daughters dying true penitents like mine:
 “ may they live to have the constant and fervent prayers
 “ of many, many parents made happy like me.”

As it is impossible for me to add any thing to this
 real and interesting relation (more affecting far, believe
 me, than I can describe :) I will leave it with you: no-
 thing doubting but as parents; as christians; as lovers
 of your country; as full of humanity and benevolence;
 you will all think yourselves engaged to support and en-
 courage an undertaking, by which the aching hearts of
 so many parents are comforted; by which so many souls
 are saved; by which so many members are restored to
 industry and the state; by which every office of benevo-
 lence is discharged; the hungry fed, the naked clothed,
 the stranger taken in, the sick relieved; eyes given to the
 blind and feet to the lame,--“ for the worst of blindness,
 that

that of the mind is diffipated; while the wavering wandering feet are led into the paths of peace and virtue."---Who can be indifferent to an institution productive of such universal good---an institution, to which we, my *bret/ren*, cannot refuse our best aid; many from motives of honour; all from motives of gratitude to that ever valuable sex, without whom life would be vapid, and every labour irksome *---Nor can that amiable sex refuse their best encouragement to an institution, whose very foundation witnesses an high regard for the interest of their sex; and the distressed of that part of which for whom we plead, the happy virtuous will learn to pity, from a review of the comforts which they themselves enjoy: So richly fed by the bounty of providence they will not refuse to these daughters of misery the crumbs which fall from their table:---Nor, while they readily admit the possibility of reformation in our sex, will they teach us so severe a lesson

* Mr. *Hanway*, (who is always employed in meditating the good of his fellow-creatures) in his letters on the *Magdalen charity*, has this agreeable reflection: if "the price of a *good woman* is beyond gold:" if the finest joys of life flow from the conduct of *virtuous women*; and the acutest miseries from the *vicious* part of the sex: were it possible to drop the consideration of a future state, the converting *bad* women into *good* ones would be a work worthy the highest applause of *men*, as the conversion of sinners is a subject of joy to *angels*. Even the consciousness of such a *good intention* will assuredly advance their happiness, who attempt it."—*Hanway's reflections*. vol. 2. p. 284. See also page 289.

against themselves, as to deny that possibility to any of their own ; especially, when secluded from the world, retirement gives an edge to their serious reflections.

But why should I urge thus much ? it is enough, that you are *great*, that you are *benevolent*, that you are *christians*, to assure us, that this institution shall never want your ample assistance : An institution indeed hitherto remarkably blest and honoured ; and at whose religious and affecting service in the *chapel* we have seen many a noble eye shed tears of generous and sympathetic pity, tears, which have dignified nobility, and which speak the heart *good* as well as *great*. Won by that service many who have come, with far other intentions, have confessed the humanity of the undertaking ; many who shall hereafter come, will own, we trust, that their objections (if yet any objections remain) are done away and their scruples silenced : while their hearts and their eyes testify a perfect approbation of a charity in every respect conformable to the gospel of Christ, and in every view honourable to the times in which we live.

I must not conclude in justice without saying, “ and in every respect honourable to you, its benign and unwearied supporters, directors, and managers.” From the happy knowledge of many of *you*, I have been enabled to draw that picture of the *benevolent man*, which I gave you at the beginning, for you exemplify the character.--Go on in that work,
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the establishment of which, abundantly testifies the goodness of your hearts, and the reality of your religion: the conduct of which abundantly testifies the delicacy of your sentiments, and the strength of your judgments.---Go on, secure of the estimation and high applause of all the virtuous and the valuable: superior to the little taunts of meaner thinkers, superior to all the opposition which timid treachery, ridicule, or malevolence would throw in your way. That charity is not perfect, which refuses to suffer somewhat, which is discouraged by difficulties in the prosecution of its just and upright purposes. Firm in your benevolence and extensive in your generous prospects, go on; and you will see the good work prosper under your hands: You are engaged in an honourable, a delightful enterprise---God is for you; and he will crown it! You shall enjoy, what is infinitely beyond every other enjoyment, the fervent thanksgivings of many parents made happy by your means: you shall enjoy the blessing of many who were ready to perish, but thro' your charity are rescued from deepest misery, and restored to all good. Industry, when it hears of it, shall praise you: your country shall hold your names in honour and esteem. And what is chief of all, God, the great God of infinite love and power shall guard you with his peculiar protection while here; shall reward your christian benevolence hereafter, through his adorable son, with glory which shall flourish, when all the triumphs of time are no more!

“ Yes

“ Yes blessed Lord may they all inherit that glory! all who contribute to this christian design for the saving of lost souls---Oh may they all enjoy thy continued protection, thy peculiar favour! shield them in every danger; guide them in every difficulty: bless them in their going out and in their coming in: bless them in their domestic, bless them in their public life: bless them with all desirable blessings below; and bless them most, when most they want it, when they lie sick upon their beds—make thou, oh God, all their beds in their sickness!—And in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, be THOU, who camest into the world to save sinners, their advocate, their friend, their intercessor, and remember and fulfil on their behalf thine own most faithful promise. “ They who are wise and turn many to righteousness shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars for ever and ever.” *Amen.*

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**† Freeman, Tho. Edwards, Esq;	50	0	0	** Gaussen, Peter, Esq;	21	0	0
Ditto, per annum	5	5	0	** Grieve, James, M.D. (Phy- } sician) per ann. }	5	5	0
				** Guy, Richard, Esq;	21	0	0
				* Garbet, Mr. Sam. of Bir- } mingham, per ann. }	5	5	0
				* Griffith, Moses, M. D.	5	5	0
				* Grubb, Mr. John	10	10	0
				* Gambier, Mr William James, } per ann. }	5	5	0
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* Garrett, William, Esq; <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0	* Henckell, Isaac, Esq;	31	10	0
Green, Rev. Mr.	1	1	0	* Hays, James, Esq; <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0
Goddard, Rev. Peter, D. D. <i>per ann.</i>	1	1	0	* How, Mr. Richard, <i>junior</i>	10	10	0
Grevile, hon. Mrs.	3	3	0	* Hawkins, Mr. Edward, <i>per</i>	}	5	5
Ditto, second Benefaction	5	5	0	<i>annum</i> , by Mr. Winter-			
* Grevile, Miss Hester, <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0	bottom			
** Gowland, Mrs.	21	0	0	* Hervey, Hon. Thomas, Esq; } <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0
H				* Harris, John, Esq;	5	5	0
**† HERTFORD, the Rt. } hon. Earl of, <i>President</i>	100	0	0	* Hunter, M. D. <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0
** Hertford, Rt. hon. Coun- } tels of, <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0	* Hurst, Thomas, Mr. of Norwich	5	5	0
** Huntingdon, the Rt. hon. } the Earl of, <i>per annum</i>	10	10	0	* Hill, Mr. John	5	5	0
** Huntingdon, Right hon. } the Countess Dowager of	25	0	0	* Hewit, James, Esq; one of his Majesty's Serjeants at Law, <i>per ann.</i> by Mr. } Wray	5	5	0
** Hawke, hon. Sir Edward, } Knt. of the Bath	26	5	0	* Henneker, John, Esq; <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0
Ditto <i>per Annum</i>	5	5	0	Hafenclever, Peter, Esq;	3	3	0
* Hastings, Lady Selina	5	5	0	Harris, Thomas, Esq; of <i>Brif-</i>	}	2	2
* Hotham, Lady Gertrude	10	0	0	<i>tol</i> , by Nath. Bayley, Esq;			
* Houghton, Lady	10	10	0	Hatton, Colonel, Thomas	2	2	0
** Hildyard, Sir Robert, Bart.	21	0	0	Hooper, Edward, Esq;	3	3	0
** Hankey, Sir Joseph, Knt.	21	0	0	* Hill, Mrs. Alice, <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0
* Harrison, Sir Thomas	10	10	0	* Hunt, Mr. T. <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0
**† Hanway, Jonas, Esq;	30	0	0	* Hill, Thomas, Esq; <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0
** Honeywood, Fraser, Esq;	50	0	0	Hoare, Mr. Richard, <i>per annum</i>	3	3	0
** Hoare, Henry, Esq;	100	0	0	Hammett, Mr. Benjamin	2	2	0
Ditto, <i>per annum</i>	21	0	0	Hall, Richard, Esq;	4	4	0
** Hollis, Thomas, Esq;	21	0	0	Heylyn, Miss, her Legacy	250	0	0
** Horne, Samuel, Esq;	31	10	0	* Hart, Mrs. Jane	10	10	0
** Horne, John, Esq;	21	0	0	* Hill, Mrs. by the Rev. Mr. Dodd	10	0	0
** Hudson, Vansittart, Esq;	50	0	0	Hartwell, Mrs. Mary, by Mr. } Eлдаile	1	1	0
** Haskey, Mr. Henry, Apoth.				J			
** Hubbard, James, Esq;	21	0	0	Jekyll, the Lady Anne, <i>per an.</i> } by Mr. Wray	3	3	0
* Heathcote, Sir Thomas, } Bart. <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0	** James, Mr. Michael	21	0	0
Hurst, Mr. John	5	5	0	** Johnson, Mr. Joel	25	0	0
* Holden, Mr. William, <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0	** James, Mr. John, Surgeon			
* Henderson, Mr. John	5	5	0	** Jennens, Charles, Esq;	21	0	0
* Heberden, William, M. D. } <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0	Ditto <i>second Benefaction</i>	21	0	0
* Hanway, Captain	10	10	0	* Jackson, George, Esq;	10	0	0
* Hoar, George, Esq; <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0	* Jones, Robert, Esq; <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0
* Hunt, William, Esq;	10	10	0	* Jones, Loftus, Esq; <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0

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**† Milloway, Philip, Esq;	21	0	0	**† Peters, George, Esq;	21	0	0
Manningham, Richard, M. D.	3	3	0	** Portis, Mr. James	21	0	0
* Middleton, Mrs. Mary	20	0	0	** Portis, Mr. George	21	0	0
* Mundy, Mrs. Letitia, of Bath	5	5	0	** Plumer, Thomas, Esq;	21	0	0
Mundy, Mrs Mary	1	1	0	** Pitts, Mr. Edmund, Surgeon			
Middleton, Mrs. <i>per annum</i>	1	1	0	** Pearce, Mr. John, Apothecary			
N				* Plumer, Francis, Esq;	10	10	0
** Northumberland, Right } hon. Earl of	31	10	0	* Percivall, Joseph, Esq;	20	0	0
** Northumberland, Right } hon. Countess of	21	0	0	Ditto, <i>per annum</i>	5	0	0
Ditto, <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0	Phipps, Mr. Robert a Clock			
* North, Right hon. Lord, } by Mr. Wray	10	0	0	* Pinchbeck, Mr. Christopher	5	5	0
** Nettleton, Robert, Esq;	50	0	0	* Pocock, Mr. Wm. <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0
** Nightingale, John, Esq;	50	0	0	*† Perrot, Geo. Esq; <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0
** Norman, James, Esq;	50	0	0	* Price, Parry Richard, Esq;	5	5	0
** Newman, Richard, Esq;	21	0	0	* Peele, Mr. John	5	5	0
Ditto, second Benefaction, by } the Rev. Mr. Dodd	5	5	0	* Pearce, Mr. Jeremiah	9	0	0
** North, Dudley, Esq;	50	0	0	* Power, Mr. Geo. by Mr. Wray	5	5	0
** Nash, Thomas, Esq;	21	0	0	Pepys, Major, and Mifs	5	5	0
* Newton, Mr. Robert,	10	10	0	Pringle, Dr. John	2	2	0
* Nicklin, Mr. Edward, <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0	Poppe, Mr. Christian	1	1	0
* Nicholls, Mr. Henry,	10	10	0	* Poyntz, Hon. Mrs.	5	5	0
* Norris, John, Esq;	5	5	0	Pitt, Mrs. Lucy, by Mr. Wray	3	3	0
* Nicholson, Mrs. of <i>Leman-street</i>	5	5	0	Prynn, Mrs. Martha, a Legacy } by Thomas Whitefield, }	30	0	0
Natt, Rev. Mr.	1	1	0	Esq; her Executor			
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** Ongley, Rob. Henley, Esq; } by J. Barker, Esq;	21	0	0	* Quiverdon, Mrs. Petronella	10	0	0
** Ord, William, Esq;	21	0	0	R			
Osborne, Mr. Thomas, of } <i>Gray's-Inn</i>	5	5	0	*† Romney, Rt. hon. Lord, } L. L. D. F. R. S. <i>Vice-</i> } <i>President, per annum</i>	5	5	0
* Oliver, Mrs. <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0	** Rofs, Hugh, Esq;	50	0	0
P				** Randal, Mr. Thomas	30	0	0
** Parker, Right hon. Sir } Thomas, Lord Chief } Baron of the Exchequer, } by Mr. Wray	21	0	0	** Rooke, John, Esq;	50	0	0
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* Pain, Sir Gillies, Bart	5	5	0	** Robinson, Mifs, by Rev. } Mr. Dodd	21	0	0
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				** Reinholt, Charles, Esq;	21	0	0
				** Rickards, Samuel, Esq;	25	0	0
				** Reeves, the Rev. Mr. Chaplain			
				** Ryder, Nathaniel, Esq;	21	0	0
				* Reynolds, Thomas, Esq;	10	10	0
				Richardson, Mr. Sam. deceased	10	10	0
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* Robinson, Mr. Thomas, by } Mr. Barnes	5	5	0	* Sturt, Humphrey, Esq; by } Mr. Wray	5	5	0
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* Rooker, Mr. Richard, <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0	* St., Quintin, Sir William, } Bart. <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0
* Ross, Mr. William	5	5	0	Shulldham, Captain Molineux	2	2	0
* Rose, Mr. Wm. of Daventry	5	5	0	Stifted, Thomas, Esq; of Ips- wich, by George Womb- well, Esq;	2	2	0
* Redman, Capt. John, by } Mr. Barker, <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0	Savage, William, Esq;	3	3	0
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* Raymond, Mrs. by Mrs. Butler	10	10	0	Stukeley, A. S. Esq; <i>per ann.</i> } by Mr. Wray	1	1	0
S				Stukeley, Rollard, Esq; <i>per ann.</i>	1	1	0
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** Spencer, Rt. hon. Lord } Viscount, <i>per annum</i>	21	0	0	Scadding, Mr. James	3	3	0
* Spencer, hon. Mrs.	5	5	0	Say, Mr. Charles	2	2	0
** Scarfdale, Right hon. Lord	50	0	0	** Sullivan, Laurence, Esq; r's Lady	21	0	0
**† Savile, Sir George, Bart. } <i>Vice-President</i>	50	0	0	** Spencer, Richard, Esq; r's Lady	21	0	0
* Stanhope, Hon. Charles, Esq;	20	0	0	* Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth	5	5	0
Spencer, Thomas, Esq; deceased	50	0	0	Shirley, hon. Mrs. <i>per annum</i>	4	4	0
** Salvador, Joseph, Esq;	50	0	0	Savage, Mrs.	1	1	0
** Shiffner, Henry, Esq;	50	0	0	Scot, Mrs.	2	2	0
** Shiffner, John, Esq;	50	0	0	Shirley, Miss	1	1	0
** Smith, E. Esq;	50	0	0	Stanley, Miss, by Mrs. Lally	3	3	0
** Smith, John, Esq;	50	0	0	Spooner, Mr. a Legacy	100	0	0
** Scawen, William, Esq;	50	0	0	Scrafton, Luke, Esq;	5	5	0
** Spicker, John, Esq;	50	0	0	Shakespeare, Mr. John	10	10	0
** Small, John, Esq;	30	0	0	Stanwix, Miss, by J. Barker, Esq;	21	0	0
** Staples, Mr. John	21	0	0	Sneed, Mrs. of Colchester	5	5	0
** Stow, Mr. John	21	0	0	T			
Ditto, second Benefaction	10	10	0	* Thomond, Right hon. Earl of	5	5	0
** Smith, Mr. Benjamin	21	0	0	Tankerville, Rt. hon. Countess of	2	2	0
** Smith, Mr. Samuel	21	0	0	** Thorold, Sir John, Bart. } by Mr. Broughton	21	0	0
* Sheafe, Alexander, Esq;	10	10	0	** Tozer, John, Esq; and Co.	31	10	0
* Steed, William, Esq; <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0	**† Thornton, John, Esq;	50	0	0
Sanfon, Mr. <i>per annum</i>	1	1	0	** Thornton, Mrs.	21	0	0
Southwell, Ed. Esq; by Mr. Wray	2	2	0	** Thornton, Master	21	0	0
Speculative Society, Lombard-Street	5	5	0	** Thornton, Miss	21	0	0
* Stow, Mr. William	10	10	0	** Thompson, Stephen, Esq;	50	0	0
				** Thompson, Andrew, Esq;	50	0	0
				** Thompson, Harry, Esq;	21	0	0
				** Taylor, John, Esq;	50	0	0
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** Turnpenny, Mrs. Jemima	50	0	0	*	J. M. by R. Dingley, Esq;	5	5	0			
** Taylor, James, Esq. of Hackney	50	0	0		<i>per annum</i>						
Trotman, John, Esq; deceased	21	0	0	J. C. by ditto	3	3	0				
* Turner, William, of Kirkleatham in Yorkshire, Esq;	5	5	0	** A Person unknown, by	50	0	0				
<i>per annum</i> , by George Wombwell, Esq;				Mr. Hanway							
Treves, Joseph, Esq; deceased	5	5	0	Several Gentlemen at Will's	16	16	0				
* Tew, Rev. Dr. Edmund	20	0	0	Coffee-house, Lincoln's Inn							
* Tompson, Mr. Henry, <i>per an.</i>	5	5	0	B. F.	2	2	0				
* Taylor, Robert, M. D.	10	10	0	* A Lady	5	5	0				
* Thirkle, Michael, Esq; of Ipswich, by Mr. Trotman	5	5	0	* A Person, by Messrs. Walker and Dawson	10	10	0				
Townshend, Chauncey, Esq;	5	5	0	* A Lady, by Mr. Hanway	5	5	0				
* Trayle, Rev. Mr. by the Right hon. the Earl of Hertford, <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0	* Ditto	5	5	0				
* Turner, Mr. Wm. of Richmond, by Mr. C. Wray	5	5	0	* A Lady, by Mr. Joseph Wakeford of Andover	10	10	0				
* Taylor, George, Esq;	10	10	0	A Lady, by Mr. James	1	1	0				
*† Trefusis, Robert Cotton, Esq; <i>per ann.</i>	5	5	0	* A Friend, by Geo. Wombwell, Esq;	10	10	0				
Taylor, James, Esq; of Cambridge, <i>per annum</i>	2	2	0	* A Lady unknown, by James Whitchurch, Esq;	10	10	0				
Tatham, Ralph, Esq; <i>per ann.</i>	1	1	0	* A Person unknown, by Samuel Salt, Esq;	5	5	0				
Trelawney, Mr. <i>per ann.</i>	4	4	0	* A Lady unknown	10	10	0				
* Trot, Mrs. of Sunbury, by Vinc. Leggatt, Esq;	20	0	0	** A Lady unknown, a Lottery Ticket, No. 34987, in the Lottery 1758, a Prize of	500	0	0				
Thompson, Mrs. Mary, of York, <i>per annum</i>	2	2	0	** J. V.	21	0	0				
Taylor, Mrs. <i>per annum</i>	1	1	0	** T. H. the Reverend	21	0	0				
** Townson, John, Esq;	21	0	0	* A Lady unknown, by Mr. J. Redmain	5	5	0				
Taggart, Capt. Peter	1	1	0	* A. B. C.	5	5	0				
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Unwin, Mr. James, by Mr. Wray	2	2	0	F. M. Esq; by Mr. Forster	2	2	0				
Unknown				Miss M. by Ditto	2	2	0				
** From a Governor	50	0	0	* A Gentleman, by the Rev. Mr. Brewster	5	5	0				
** J. B.	21	0	0	A Person unknown, by Mr. Dawson	3	3	0				
* T. B.	5	5	0	** A Person unknown, by R. D.	21	0	0				
H. W. and J. J.	2	2	0	A Lady unknown	3	3	0				
* E. W.	5	5	0	A Person unknown	1	1	0				
* M. P. by Mr. Leake of Bath	5	5	0	* W. E.	5	5	0				
* T. B.	5	5	0	* J. E. by Charles Dingley, Esq;	5	5	0				
G. W.	2	2	0	* J. S.	10	0	0				
				A Country Gentlewoman	1	1	0				
				* T. B.	5	5	0				
				* A Person, by Mr. Dawson	5	5	0				

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* T. B. by Ld. Viscount Folkestone	5	5	0	A Penalty by a Baker for using	}	5	0
* A Person unknown	5	5	0	Alum, by Mr. Mercer			
A Lady unknown, by Mr. Meggot	1	1	0	A Lady, by Mr. Phepoe		1	1
* A Person, ditto, by the Rev. } Mr. Brewster	5	5	0	Balances of a Collection made	}	21	0
* H. V. S. by R. Dingley, Esq;				5			
A Person unknown, by Mr. Byde	4	4	0	Buildings, by several			
T. S. <i>per annum</i>	1	1	0	Tradesmen, for the sup-			
Mrs. D. F. by Mr. Forster	5	5	0	pression of Prostitutes in			
T. F. by ditto	1	1	0	the Parish of St. Martin's			
* A Person unknown, by Mr. } Dawson of Cornhill	5	5	0	in the Fields.			
* A Person unknown, by } Mr. Carthew				5	5	0	* A. B. by Mr. Mafferman
A Lady by Mr. Charles Wray	1	1	0				N. G. by Dr. Thomas Dawson
A Person unknown by Mr. } John Williams	2	2	0	* B. W. Esq; by Mr. Wray	5	5	
** A Person unknown, by } Mr. Johnson				21	0	0	A Lady, by Dr. Salter
* A Lady unknown, by the } Rev. Mr. Broughton	5	5	0				** A Gentleman, by Mr. S. W.
E. M.				2	2	0	A Friend of the Rev. Mr. } Dodd's, <i>per annum</i>
A Gentleman, by Mr. Hanway	2	2	0	A Gentleman, by Mr. Hanway	1	1	
A School-boy, (saved out of his } Pocket Allowance) by } Mr. Charles Wray	1	1	0	A Gentleman	1	1	
C. M. Esq; by ditto				1	1	0	* J. S. C.
A Gentlemen unknown	1	1	0	A Person unknown	1	1	
* R. M. Esq;	5	5	0	A Lady at York, by the Treasurer	2	2	
A Gentleman, by Mr. Reynolds	1	1	0	A Person unknown, by Major- } general Hudson	2	2	
W. H. and J. D. by Mr. C. } Wray	1	11	6	Some Ladies at Bath, by Geo. } Wombwell, Esq;			9
A Gentleman unknown, by ditto				2	2	0	
A Lady of Colchester, by R. D.	1	1	0	Chapel, by the Rev. John			
Unknown, by John Dorrien, Esq;	1	1	0	Nichols, D. D.			
Ditto, by the Rev. Mr. Reeves	1	1	0	A Lady, by R. D. second } Subscription	1	1	
Ditto, by Mr. Pitts	2	2	0	J. S. C.			5
* P. X. by Tho. Preston, Esq;	5	5	0	R. J. by Mr. Wray	3	3	
A Lady unknown, by Edmund } Boehm, Esq;	4	4	0	Lady unknown	1	1	
D. P.				1	1	0	** From an unknown future
R. J. by Mr. Wray	3	3	0	Benefactor, signed J. B. } to the Treasurer	30	0	
A Lady unknown	1	1	0	A Lady unknown, by Mr. Fuller			1
E. S. by Mr. Wray	1	1	0	C. C. by George Wombwell, Esq;	5	0	
* A Person unknown, by ditto	5	5	0	* J. D.	20	0	
* A Person unknown, by } Mr. Pocock	20	0	0	* B. S.	5	5	
						* J. B.	5
				** Mrs. Ignota	50	0	
				** A Person unknown by Mr. } Hanway	50	0	
				E. S. by Mr. Wray			1
				A Person unknown, by Mr. Jones	1	1	

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A Person unknown, by J. Dorrien, Esq;	1	1	0		
A Person unknown, by Mr. Forster	5	5	0		
* A Person unknown, by P. Milloway, Esq;	10	0	0		
Benevolus Edinensis	4	4	0		
A Gentleman, by Mr. Hanway	1	1	0		
M. H. —	2	2	0		
E. P. —	1	1	0		
* A Person unknown, by Mr. Chamberlain	16	16	0		
* A Person unknown, by Mr. Wray	5	5	0		
A Person unknown	5	5	0		
A Person unknown, by Geo. Wombwell, Esq;	2	2	0		
* A Person ditto, by the Rt. hon. Lady Mary Coke	5	5	0		
* A Person in great Misery	10	0	0		
* A Person unknown, by R. S. P.	5	5	0		
M. B. Mrs. <i>per annum</i>	2	2	0		
A. P. Mrs. <i>per annum</i>	2	2	0		
A Lady, by Mr. Broughton	3	3	0		
C. D. —	2	2	0		
* Theodora, by R. D.	10	0	0		
* T. by Messrs Drummond	5	5	0		
* B. S. by ditto,	5	5	0		
E. M. by ditto,	2	2	0		
* M. A. —	10	0	0		
A Lady by Mr. Wray	1	1	0		
* Mrs. M. C. by Mr. Wray	5	5	0		
A Gentleman unknown	1	1	0		
* A Person unknown, by the Rev. Dr. Stephen Hales	10	10	0		
* W. S. by Mrs. Bertrand	5	5	0		
The Rev. Mr. B. of Lynn, by Thomas Farrer, Esq;	1	1	0		
Second Benefaction, from a Person unknown, by Robert Dingley, Esq;	20	0	0		
C. K. —	1	1	0		
A Gentleman, by Mrs. Butler	1	1	0		
A Lady, by the Hands of Mr. John Skelton	1	1	0		
L. P. —	1	1	0		
A Gentleman, by the Bishop of Cork	1	1	0		
A Lady by Mr. Wray	1	1	0		
ME. W. by Robert Quarre, Esq;	5	5	0		
Lady unknown, by the Rev. Will. Bedford	21	0	0		
W. A. and B. B.	4	4	0		
Person unknown, by Mr. Wm. Dawson	5	5	0		
Person unknown, by Mrs. Butler	5	5	0		
Ditto, by Mr. Jones	1	1	0		
W. W.	2	2	0		
A Person unknown By the Rev. Mr. Broughton	4	4	0		
M. K. Esq; <i>per annum</i>	2	2	0		
A Lady unknown, by Mr. Broughton	1	1	0		
P. M. by Mr. Wray,	2	2	0		
A Clergyman, by Mr. Wickenden	2	2	0		
A Gentleman unknown, by Mr. Wray	1	1	0		
A Person unknown	1	1	0		
* A Person unknown, by Mr. Hanway	5	5	0		
A Lady, by Mr. James	2	2	0		
* A Person unknown, by Geo. Arbuthnot, Esq;	20	0	0		
W. P. by Mr. Wray	2	2	0		
Four Gentlemen unknown, by T. Farrer, Esq;	4	4	0		
* A Lady. by S. R.	5	5	0		
R. D.	1	1	0		
J. A. by R. D.	2	2	0		
J. B. by Charles Wray	2	2	0		
A Gentleman, by Mr. Wray, <i>per annum</i>	1	1	0		
Ditto	0	10	6		
The Produce of Lottery Tickets, the Gift of Two Clergymen in the Country, by John Townson, Esq;	8	13	6		
A Lady, by Mr. James	2	2	0		
A Person unknown	1	1	0		
* W. S. <i>per annum</i>	5	5	0		
A. P. <i>per annum</i>	2	2	0		
* W. W. by J. Hanway, Esq;	5	5	0		
* A Person unknown, by Jos. Wakeford	10	10	0		
S. A.	0	10	6		
Ditto	0	10	6		
G. B. Rev.	1	1	0		

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£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
* A Lady at York, by George Bryan, Esq; } 20	0	0	* Wynn, Sir John, Bart. 5l. 5s. and 5l. 5s. by Mr. Wray } 10	10	0
G. A. } 0	10	6	* Walpole, the hon. Horatio, Esq; } 5	5	0
* B. M. by C. Wray } 20	0	0	** Wentworth, Tho. Esq; by Major general Hudson } 50	0	0
P. H. } 1	1	0	** Wroughton, Tho. Esq; } 21	0	0
A Lottery Ticket, No. 9082, from a Person unknown, Blank } 1	1	0	his Majesty's Consul at the Court of Russia } 21	0	0
R. W. } 1	1	0	**† Wombwell, George, Esq; } 50	0	0
P. J. Mifs per annum by George Wombwell, Esq; } 1	1	0	** Weyland, John, Esq; } 21	0	0
F. J. Mifs by G. Wombwell, Esq; } 1	1	0	** Waldo, Timothy, Esq; } 21	0	0
M. W. Esq; by ditto } 4	4	0	* Mifs Waldo } 20	0	0
* J. S. by Mr. Charles Wray, Person unknown, by Mr. Charles Wray, } 20	0	0	** Wickenden, Mr. John } 21	0	0
Collected at Church 26th April 1759 } 67	1	7	** Wale, Thomas, Esq; } 21	0	0
Ditto, at Dinner—ditto } 100	11	0	** Wilkinson, Mr. Jacob } 25	0	0
Collected at Church, 24th April 1760 } 42	15	9	** Whitchurch, James, Esq; } 50	0	0
Ditto at Dinner—ditto } 96	14	6	** Watson, Samuel, Esq; jun. } 21	0	0
Collected at Church, 12th March 1761 } 69	12	0	** Wathen, Dr. Samuel } 21	0	0
Ditto at Dinner—ditto } 152	4	9	** Weyland, Mark, Esq; } 21	0	0
Collected at Church, 18th March 1762 } 229	6	3	**† Wray, Mr. Charles } 21	0	0
Ditto, at Dinner—ditto } 98	9	6	** Winterbottom, Mr. Abr. Secretary } 10	10	0
Lady unknown, by Mr. Skelton } 1	1	0	* Waple, John, Esq; } 5	5	0
F. W. for a Lady in the Country } 2	2	0	* Welch, Saunders, Esq; per ann. } 5	5	0
G. and M. per ann. by Mr. Spenove } 2	2	0	* Whifton, Mr. John, per ann. } 5	5	0
Lady at Wakefield, by J. Dixon, Esq; } 2	2	0	* Wells, Mr. Joseph, per annum } 5	5	0
S. C. per annum } 3	3	0	* Willis, Esq; per an. by Mr. Pitts } 5	5	0
B. S. } 5	5	0	* White, William, Esq; } 5	5	0
America } 1	1	0	* Walker, Mr. William } 5	5	0
A. E. by Mr. Winterbottom, per an. } 4	4	0	* Whifhaw, Mr. Francis, per ann. by Mr. Wray } 5	5	0
E. G. Mrs. by Mr. Wray } 1	1	0	* Wilson, Christopher, Esq; } 10	10	0
Gent. unknown, by Ed. Forfter } 5	5	0	Ward, Joshua, Esq; r's Executors } 21	0	0
H. F. per ann. by Mr. Wray } 1	1	0	Watson, Mrs. } 2	2	0
* J. S. by Mr. Wray, second benefaction } 20	0	0	Werner, Richard, Esq; } 21	0	0
V			Ward, Mr. Thomas, a Legacy } 20	0	0
* Van Rixtell, Esq; by Robert Nettleton, Esq; } 5	5	0	Winsley, Geo. Esq; per ann. by Mr. Winterbottom } 2	2	0
* Vick, Mrs. of Clifton } 10	10	0	Waterhouse, the Rev. Mr. of Cork in Ireland } 2	2	0
Ditto, per annum } 2	2	0	Webster, Mr. George } 2	2	0
Vaughan, Mr. Samuel } 2	2	0	Watkins, Rev. Mr. } 1	1	0
Ventris, the Rev. Mr. per annum } 1	7	0	* Wentworth, Lady of General, per annum } 5	5	0
			Webster, Mrs. of Northampton, a Legacy } 100	0	0
			** Wheeler, Mrs. Anne } 20	0	0
			Ditto, per annum } 5	5	0
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			** Young, Mr. John } 21	0	0
			* Yates, Joseph, Esq; per ann. } 5	5	0

MAGDALEN-HOUSE, *Prescot-Street, Goodman's-Fields, March 11, 1762.*

General Account of the *Receipts and Disbursements.*

	l.	s.	d.
Total Receipts from the Commencement to <i>April 12, 1759,</i>	6310	15	2
Disbursements from Ditto to <i>April 25, 1759,</i>	2750	9	2
Balance of that Year's Account	-----3560 6 0		
Receipts including the Balance of the last Year, from <i>April 12, 1759, to April 2, 1760,</i>	6519	3	3
Disbursements from <i>April 6, 1759, to March 25, 1760,</i>	3118	4	3
Balance of that Year's Account	-----3400 19 0		
Receipts including the Balance of the last Year, from <i>April 2, 1760, to March 2, 1761, inclusive</i>	5381	12	7
Disbursements from Ditto to Ditto	4325	14	9
Balance of that Year's Account	-----1055 17 10		
Total Receipts from the Commencement of the Charity to <i>December 31, 1761</i>	} 14001 11 9		
Total Disbursements from Ditto to Ditto	} 12812 11 8		
Balance in Hand	-----1189 0 1		

Receipts from the 2d of March, 1761, to the 31st of December, 1761.

	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.
Balance of last Year's Account (being Part of 2900l. Bank Annuities)	} 1055 17 10					
General Receipts for Benefactions	} 1360 11 7					
Annual Receipts	} 363 12 10					
Interest of 2900l. Bank Annuities 3 per Cent.	} 43 10 0					
Work done by the women, as making fine and Slop Shirts, various Sorts of Millinery and Household Linnen, for which Money has been received	} 131 15 4					
Collection at Chapel	} 851 6 0					
	-----			3806	13	7

Disbursements from Ditto to Ditto.

Repairs of Building, including Materials and Repairs of the Chapel, Brewhouse, and Brewing Utensils,	986	1	6
Cloathing, and Household Linen for 85 Women taken in during this time, and new Cloathing for those in the House,	240	2	7
Furniture, &c.	48	3	0
Housekeeping for Provisions and other Household Expences for 290 Women, so many having been in the House during that Time, and upon a Computation seldom less than 100 at a Time	813	4	11
Apothecaries Bills for Medicines, charged at lowest Prices	7	17	0
Stationary, Printing, Advertising, and other Incidental Expences	97	2	0
Rent of House and Sallaries of Chaplain, Matron, Assistant-Matron, Steward, Porter, Messenger and Nurse,	240	9	6
Paid for providing in a decent Manner, Clothing, and other Necessaries for the Women who have been sent out to Service, reconciled to their Friends, or otherwise happily disposed of in the World,	184	13	0
Balance in Hand	} -----2617 13 6		
	} -----1189 0 1		

Since the Opening the House 10th August, 1758, to 11th March, 1762, Three hundred Ninety-one Women have been admitted; the following is the State of Admissions and Discharges during that time.

		£.	s.	d.	
Reconciled to, and received by their Friends	38	Allowed	47	15	6
Placed in Services in reputable Families and to Trades	119	Ditto	424	4	0
Proved Lunatics, Foolish, and afflicted with incurable Fits	19				
Died at the Small-pox Hospital, of Consumptions at different Places where they were removed for the Benefit of the Air, and at the House,	5				
Dismissed being uneasy under restraint and at their own Desire,	24				
Never returned from Hospitals, to which they were sent to be cured	16				
Dismissed for Faults and Irregularities	57				
Now in the House	113				
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	In all		391		

Seven Women who were discharged the House are since well married. And many who were dismissed from Uneasiness under restraint, by their own desire, and for small faults, rather than return to their former evil Course of Life, have gone into honest employments, though laborious, and are likely to live with Reputation in the World.

Such of the young Women as are judged fit, learn to Cook, Wash, Iron, make Bread, &c. so as to qualify them for Services; and those who could not read, are taught reading, with every other Necessary to make them useful members of the community. And besides making all their Bread, and all the cloaths and linen for themselves, and the family; the Women have earned for the benefit of the charity, 787*l.* 16*s.* from it's first commencement.

Ladies may have any Sort of Needle-Work done by them from the finest to the coarsest: Also Carpets worked, of any Size or Pattern, in Cross-Stitch and Tent-Stitch; and also Embroidery, &c.

Such Persons as are desirous to promote this Charity, are requested to send their Subscriptions to the Treasurer, ROBERT DINGLEY Esq; in Little St. Helens, Bishopsgate-street; or to the following Bankers, Sir Charles Asgill, Nightingale, and Wickenden; Messrs. Brassey, Lee and Son; Messrs. Henton, Browne and Son; Messrs. Martin, Stone, and Blackwell, in Lombard-street. Messrs. Honeywood, Fuller, and Co. in Birch-lane; Messrs. Colebrook, and Co. in Thread-needle-street. Messrs. Hoares; Messrs. Gosling, Bennet, and Gosling; and Messrs. Child and Co. in Fleet-street; Messrs. Drummond, and Co. at Charing-Cross; Messrs. Backwell, Sir William Hart, and Croft, in Pall-mall. Or to the Steward at the house.

Such as are inclined to become Benefactors by their last Will, the following Form of a Legacy is recommended to them: —“ I give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the sum of _____ upon trust, and to the intent that they, or one of them, do pay the same to the Treasurer or Treasurers, for the time being, of a society who now call themselves the Governors of the Magdalen House Charity, in Prescot-street, Goodman's-fields; which said sum of _____ I desire may be paid out of my personal estate, and applied towards carrying on the charitable Designs of the said Society.”