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THE EDINBURGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

(From the Scots Magazine for March 1812.)

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THE building of two of the wings of the Lunatic Asylum of Edinburgh is now far advanced; and, there is reason to hope, that some parts of this extensive undertaking will be opened for the reception of unfortunate maniacs in less than twelve months.

Some time ago, the Presbytery of Edinburgh unanimously agreed to recommend it to all the ministers within their bounds to make a collection at the doors of their respective churches, for carrying on this building; and, on Sunday the 8th of March last, a collection was made, at the doors of many places of public worship in the city of Edinburgh, for this necessary and benevolent purpose. This intended collection was intimated from the pulpits, on Sunday the 1st March; and many of the clergy recommended this charitable establishment to their congregations in the strongest terms. We are informed, that one respectable clergyman, after reading the representation from the Managers of the asylum, addressed his hearers nearly in the following words—

“ *My Dear Friends*—I shall not detain you at present with any tedious exhortation. It is one great object of the instructions which you hear from your established pastors, to form you to ‘that charity which is the fulfilling of the law, and the bond of perfectness;’ and your conduct hitherto hath given us no cause to complain that ‘we have run in vain, and laboured in vain.’

“ The institution for which I plead at present is intended to alle-

viate and remedy a species of distress, the most deplorable to which in this imperfect state we are liable.

“ I appeal to your own hearts, while I look around this numerous assembly; I ask you all in succession, Whether, excepting the misery which arises from conscious guilt, there is another species of distress which you would more earnestly intreat the Almighty to avert from yourselves, and from all who are dear to you.

“ I need not wait for a reply. I know it is your earnest prayer, that, whatever else may befall you, whether poverty or pain, or sickness or death, it may please the Lord, even to the last, to preserve to you the exercise of your reason, which is the image of himself within you.

“ If this then be a prayer which you would offer up for yourselves and your friends, pity the condition of those for whom I now request your charity; and come to the house of God, to testify your gratitude to him, for his goodness to you, by showing kindness to some of the most wretched of his offspring.”

This short, but energetic, address had probably a good effect on many of the hearers. And, we are not without hopes, that it will also have some influence on many readers.

We subjoin a list of subscriptions lately received by Mr BONAR, Banker, Royal Exchange, Treasurer to the Asylum. And, as example goes even farther than precept, it is to be hoped that this also will have a good effect.

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