

hand that was moulding and fashioning them for the manifestation of his glory, as the objects of his love. As depraved moral creatures, they were hateful, and they hated one another. But Christ's zeal of God's house has changed all this. He has taught them, as the children of God, not only to love their heavenly Father, but to love one another. They have learned the lesson, they have imbibed the spirit of him who said, (John xiii. 34, 35,) "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Partakers of the spirit of Christ, they sympathize with him in his affections. They desire to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but would rather reprove them. While here, they have precious opportunities with multitudes who need the same blessings, and may be won over to the same cause; and the spirit of Christ prompts them to address to such the invitation of Moses to Hobab, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." But however painful separation from former associates may be, where those whom they thus address remain wedded to the world, and decline to associate themselves with those who are travelling to a better country, they allow not themselves to be diverted from their heavenward progress. It is as a people who are to dwell alone, and not to be reckoned among the nations, that the Apostle Paul addresses the Church at Corinth, saying, (2 Cor. vi. 14-18,) "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." It is true, these things are very inadequately apprehended and illustrated in their practice by the people of God while they are here, but the love of Christ contemplates them in all their extent and importance, and the zeal of Christ will bring them out into