

another in love." "Him that is weak in the faith, receive you ; but not to doubtful disputations. For one believeth that he may eat all things ; another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth, despise him that eateth not ; and let not him which eateth not, judge him that eateth ; for God hath received him. One man esteemeth one day above another ; another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it to the Lord ; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks ; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. * * * Let us not, therefore, judge one another any more ; but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling-block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."—See Romans, chapter xiv.

A deep interest in each other's spiritual welfare flows from genuine love. It is not enough to seek our own safety, a holy solicitude longs to do good to others. A pastor's care is to watch for souls, this is shared by the brotherhood. To suffer sin in a brother is to hate him, for it is said, "Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart ; thou shalt in any wise rebuke him, and not suffer sin upon him." Avoiding the charge of being busy-bodies in other men's matters, yet with true affection, admonition and exhortation will hold a sacred place in our practice. This holy sympathy will discourage whisperings, back-bitings, and jealousies. "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you" is the golden rule suggesting to their hearts the tenderest actions and the kindest words. Character is sacred, hence the obligation to discourage all tattling and evil speaking. When temptation has been successful in any case, duty calls for activity to repair the ruin made. Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye who are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. This is not accomplished by blazing abroad and giving the utmost publicity to the sin ; but by effort directed to touch the sinner's heart, to bring him within sight of the bleeding wounds of Jesus. If any do err from the truth, and one convert him, let him know, that he who converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. Such interest cannot be felt without mutual watchfulness. Brotherly love is essential to the very existence of a Church of Christ. Real life is gone, if love has no place among the members. True, much outward show may appear, there may be ritual, architecture, music, pomp, wealth, numbers, social standing and political influence clustering round the assembly, but the essential element of a living church is absent when love is not there ; that heavenly and crowning grace must abide in every breast.

Mutual watchfulness will notice and relieve the temporal wants of the poor and needy. To neglect a brother struggling with adversity, is wrong. "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him ?" Broad is the stream of sympathy which runs through the city of God. Bereavements and sorrows abound in the world, but a gracious alleviation exists. God especially cares for the widow and the fatherless, and has charged the church to visit such. This is pure and undefiled religion, to take up and care for such persons. "I was a stranger, says Christ, and ye took me in, naked, and ye clothed me : I was sick, and ye visited me : I was in prison, and ye came unto me." "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." The duty of members to visit each other in times of sickness, is apparent. How much the dull