

same spirit we give ourselves in love to man. "Hereby know we love, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?"¹ The Epistle of James, the Epistle to the Hebrews, what excuse for our national institutions do we find in them? If a brother or sister be naked or destitute of daily food, and ye give them not the things needful for the body, what doth it profit? "Faith without works is dead."² Or, "Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them, them that are evil entreated as being yourselves also in the body."³ Can we imagine for a moment that the spirit that breathes in these utterances could for one day be satisfied with our poorhouses, our schools, our police-courts, our prisons? Can we suppose that teachers who urged

¹ 1 John iii. 16, 17.

² James ii. 15 ff.

³ Hebrews xiii. 3.