

own ambition, what might be employed to the glory of the Lord, and the benefit of his fellow-men? It may be feared, my Brethren, that the standard of professing Christians in this respect comes far below that of Christ and His Apostles! There is little of that love for Christ, which Christ shewed for sinners—little of that love of our brethren, which is the surest evidence of the love of God*. O! that His Spirit would so shed abroad His love in our hearts, that, being animated and quickened by the Spirit, we might shew our love of Him by a Christian love of one another. O! that there were more readiness for self-sacrifice, more alacrity of self-devotion, more diligence in self-denial,—that the Gospel were planted, not in our heads, but in our hearts, that so from a consistent and holy walk, the glory of the Lord might be gathered, and the

*1John iv. 21.