

to commune with God. As to *Love*, that man cannot know what love is who has not seen it flowing forth like a flowing fountain from the hearts of our genuine converts—flowing forth towards God and towards all men. The embrace of the mother and son, as the son is in the mother's arms after years of separation, is not closer nor warmer than I have seen the embrace of two strong, stalwart men, as they met for the first time after each had passed through the trial of triumph, and rejoiced to find that his friend had done the same. The *joy* of converts has in very many cases been truly, the joy of the espousals of the soul to Christ; and this, in most cases, has terminated in a settled *peace*, clouded it may be at times, but yet a peace with God, in which His love is ever shining, though the person may not at all see it. With what *long-suffering* have the converts usually borne the scoffs and jeers with which they have been assailed, seldom answering back or returning reviling for reviling. Some of the bitterest scoffers have been won, as they found all their reproaches answered only by prayers. Many a mother blesses God for the *gentleness* which they have discovered in son or daughter, so unlike their former character; and I have known impetuous blasphemers and bold female viragos, the terror of the neighborhood, made gentle unto all, and struggling with every rising temptation to passion. A spirit of *goodness* or benevolence has been one of the characteristics of the work, leading the converts to do good to all men as they have opportunity; and I trust it will grow in fervour till it burn up and destroy all uncharitableness of man to man, or sect to sect. I do trust that all sectarian bitterness is being consumed in the glowing heat of this season. As to *faith*, it was by it they were led to Christ, and by faith they stand. Many are not only daily, but hourly feeding on the Word and calling on God in prayers. They are, therefore, *meek* and submissive to whatever God may be pleased to send. It is, I trust, *temperance* in the Bible sense—that is, the government of the passions—which is leading to the careful abstinence from intoxicating drinks; they avoid them as temptations by which the inhabitants of this province have been led into terrible evils, and this revival has cured many drunkards who have stood out against all Temperance Societies. Whatever men may say for or against bodily excitement, I am sure that *against such there is no law*. I believe, in regard to many at this time, *that they are Christ's*, because they seem to me to be *crucifying* with all their might, God giving them grace so to do, *the flesh with its affections and lusts*. I speak of numerous cases in this great town, in which I usually reside, and in a quiet country district in which I preached and labored for two months in summer, and I am fully persuaded in my own mind that I have seen in great numbers these gracious fruits. I confess that sometimes when I attended public assemblies and heard foolish statements made in an indelicate spirit by men who seemed to have no awe or tenderness on their spirits in the midst of such awful scenes, I have been tempted to doubt of the work; but these doubts have ever been dispelled when, without seeking out the cases which the neighbourhood were wondering at (but rather carefully avoiding such), I mingled freely with those who were cast in my way in Providence, and got into their confidence, and had their experience poured into my ears and bosom."

Obituary.

REV. JOHN ANGELL JAMES.

It is with real sorrow that we announce the death of Mr. James, which took place at his residence in Birmingham, on Saturday, 1st October, when Britain, and indeed the world, lost one of its best ministers and best men. He was, we believe, in the 75th year of his age, and was in the 54th year of his ministry in one Congregation. He was remarkably successful, both as a preacher and as a writer on practical religion, and, as he said, he never presented any thing but the old Gospel. He was in easy circumstances and used his means liberally for the best of purposes. At last meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, he gave £1,000 stg. towards a fund for the support of aged and infirm ministers. The following extract from the *Patriot* (London) is of considerable length, but we