

The founders of different sects in religion and philosophy, appointed certain marks, signs or badges by which their disciples were severally distinguished. These were of little consequence, and often kindled animosity. But the badge of Christians—the mark which was to distinguish them from all others, was benevolence and mutual love. Of this love to mankind, our Saviour's whole life was a bright example; and as he loved them, so were they to love one another.

THESE are prominent features in the Christian character. Holiness of life, and benevolence of heart, are indispensably necessary in all who aspire to the title of true disciples of Jesus Christ. In these they should eminently shine; and all pretences to that title and character, without these, are utterly vain and groundless.

THIS is evidently the case of every one who hopes for salvation through the Son of God. I know of no dispensation by which any man can claim an exemption from the acquisition and constant practice of holiness and charity. As they are peculiarly characteristic of the real Christian, so are they absolutely necessary to fit us for heaven. And if this be true of all who name the name of Christ—even of Laymen, whatever their rank or condition of life may be; surely it must be equally true of the Clergy—of those who serve at the altar—of those who