

plex and confound you ; because you will fail to discover the motives and aims which it embodies. Those motives and those aims are the keys which unlock its gates, and unfold its wonderful adaption to all candid beholders. Only seize them, and like Christian and Hopeful with their key of faith in the castle of Giant Despair, you will escape from the dungeon of perplexity in which those who assail it without understanding it would fain lock you up forever.

What, then, are the motives and aims incorporated in it ? You have but to refer to the life of Wesley, and the answer is yours. What great motive roused him to abandon the cloisters of Oxford and to devote himself to the work of an Evangelist ? Did he not say, like Paul, the love of Christ constraineth me ? That was his *motive*—the love of souls proceeding from the love of Christ. What was his *object* ? To spread scriptural holiness over the land and the world ! To these ideas, he and his coadjutors conformed the ecclesiastical system which they constructed, both in England and America. They regard-