

*Second* : this principle is further seen as it developes itself into sacrificial love. That alone led Christ to lay down his life for his enemies. "For while we were yet sinners Christ died for us," What love is this which leads him to die to save his enemies from death ! Here truly is that charity that "seeketh not her own." Here we have reached the fountain head of the infinite love of God. From this source have flowed all the streams of love, benevolence and truth, that have come to cheer and bless mankind in the house of his pilgrimage. This is the principle that moved the hand of omnipotence to lay in Zion the stone for the foundation of his Church in oaths and promises, and blood, against which the powers of darkness shall spend their strength in vain ; and the Church to-day with all her beauty, and stateliness and perfection, is still resting on that weather-beaten stone—other than which no man shall lay—whereon is inscribed with the finger of the Almighty, "Upon this rock will I build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

"Seeketh not her own." This must be ever characteristic of the church purchased by the blood of Christ. This is that which is to qualify her to carry out the great mission of doing good both to the bodies and souls of men, and to abide with her until the work is accomplished. The Church thus equipped and honored was not to live in the selfish enjoyment of the blessings Christ purchased and bestowed upon her. But being qualified by that spirit which seeketh not her own, she was prepared to put forth every effort to save a world previously lost, but now ransomed by the blood of a com-