

exemplified in the UNSPEAKABLE GIFT, and in the manifold benefits constantly flowing therefrom, will endeavour in vain to rejoice ever more and pray without ceasing.

In an attempt, however brief and incomplete, to appreciate the excellences that commend the example of Mr. Crocombe to our sedulous imitation, those who knew him best will anticipate, at least, a passing reference to his *love for the brethren*—an estimable quality by which he was conspicuously distinguished. Brotherly kindness,—that is to say, the family affection of those who are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus, is characteristic of all who have passed from death unto life. It is an inseparable concomitant of the love of Him, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; since *filial* love to God involves *fraternal* love to all who exhibit evidence of having received the adoption of sons. This is a principle, superior alike in the spirituality of its nature and the catholicity of its expansion, to all *ecclesiastical* predilections and distinctions. As it has opportunity, it manifests a noble, impartial amity toward *all saints*. Piety, not polity, is the passport to its prompt and loving recognition. Such was one of the dominant elements in the character of the Brother, who, being dead, yet speaketh, by the cherished memory of his benignant brotherly bearing, to all with whom he happened to come in contact who loved our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

I may not, in this connection, pass over in silence his especial affectionate interest in young Ministers, for whom, as knowing their responsibilities and dangers, he always evinced the deepest solicitude. Not a few, now in the palmy days of their sacred career, would, I am quite sure, gladly bear their cordial, consentaneous testimony, to the fidelity and love with which he counselled and encouraged them, at a period when the maxims of experience were, to them, more precious than rubies, and words of comfort, fragrant and soothing as an excellent oil.

With a comprehension of spiritual sympathy that embraced the entire commonwealth of vital Christianity, our now glorified friend associated an ardent admiration and decided preference of the distinctive doctrines, economy and institutions of the