

but the faith we speak of is as gentle as it is mighty ; it melts the hard heart, and it removes the mountains of difficulties, and it goes forth conquering and to conquer, and that because it works by love ; this is always its characteristic ; and indeed it could not be otherwise ; it fastens upon Christ as the sinners alone hope for mercy and salvation, and discerns the greatness of His love for us, and every faculty and energy of the soul seems pervaded by but one principle, love for Christ ; it is never absent, and without hesitation we can always say of Jesus to the believer, "whom having not seen ye love, in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice, with joy unspeakable and full of glory ; receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

5th. But there is no love for Christ, without love to His people ; He has so identified Himself with them, that you can no more separate in your love and hatred, the members and the body, than you can Christ and His people ; "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," is His own testimony ; and we know what the apostle thinks and writes of those who say they love God and yet hate their brother. No, my friends, that man never yet existed who truly loved Jesus, and yet had no love for the souls for whom Jesus died.

6th. And there can be no love to His people without seeking to advance their temporal and spiritual welfare ; love is always active, always