

the great instrument which he employs for the regeneration of the world. It is fraught with a living power ;—it giveth light and liberty ;—it is the power of God, and the wisdom of God, for the salvation of all who believe. “Sanctify them,” prayed our Divine Redeemer, to his Heavenly Father, “sanctify them through thy truth—thy word is truth.” This sanctifying power is not inherent. Many read and hear, without being spiritually benefited. But when the ministrations of the word are accompanied with the operations of the Spirit of God, or, in other words, when the Bible is not only the word of God, but the “*word of his grace*,” then it becomes “quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.” Nothing can resist its power : it is all pervading, and all subduing. “Is not my word like as a fire, saith the Lord ; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces ?” Unto God I would, therefore, commend you, and in earnestness of faith and Christian benevolence, I would humbly beseech him, to make his word, the word of his grace unto each one of you,—giving it that quickening power, which will impart to you “the life of God,”—“that eternal life which is in his Son,” and which is given unto all who by faith are “one in him,” even as he is one with the Father.

Now we part.—When you are gone, I will remember, with pensive delight, the pleasure with which I have met with you in the house of God ;