

death; to know that you are braving him as it were in the midst of his kingdom; and that in a moment you may be one amongst the raving and the dying: no small portion of this spirit is required to witness, and to know all this, and yet calmly and fearlessly to go on with duty; resolutely and perseveringly to enter the abodes of the infection, and minister to the wants of the dying: to see it fastening upon and pulling down one after another of those who, in their career of benevolence and duty, dare its power—and yet to persist in lifting the cup of water to the parched lip,—in alleviating the sufferings of the wretched,—in kneeling by their side and telling them of the mercy of God and the all-sufficiency of Jesus. It is not an easy matter thus to act in the midst of all this danger and death, and without any earthly motives to prompt to the self-devotion and the sacrifice. We can see sufficient moving power, only in the Spirit of the Gospel and the love of God.

An attempt may be made to controvert this conclusion by meeting us with proofs of a mercenary spirit. We do not dispute their existence; but arguments manifesting their weakness will occur to every mind, and we shall content ourselves with simply replying—